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Correspondence

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Post-War Morality

Sir,—As one who has defended the principles of Hong Kong's status quo no less enthusiastically than Runt Coelum, Non-Government Servant and Doo Mo Loo, I think Simple Simon's criticism, though a little harsh and difficult to prove and substantiate, should not be taken as a reason for giving him a ride if the system of fair play is to be respected at all. If those defenders of existing regime should make good their threats by going to the Commissioner of Police, Simple Simon may depend for his defence on many capable Solicitors and Barristers.

Can Hong Kong afford another "candling" inquiry like that immediately before the outbreak of the Pacific War? If lawyers and judges cannot find out, sociologists and social workers would inform us that post-war morality and honesty have appeared degenerated in general. A Government is usually what its people deserves. High cost of living, not supported by increase of salaries in proportion, necessarily tends to corruption and inefficiency which no fool of Paradise can deny.

The duty of a correspondent to the Press like Simple Simon as well as Runt Coelum, Doo Mo Loo as Non-Government Servant, ought to it seems, be concerned with the interests of the public and the masses rather with those of the rulers as a class, unless reputations of individuals are involved. After all, Democracy is alleged to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

If there is corruption, it should also be traced to low pay and high cost of living as the result of post-war inflation. The inflationary tendency during the last few years might have been caused by deficit economy.

I personally have thought, in view of the influx of Chinese millions, that inflation and high cost of living and therefore corruption or cause of corruption may have been avoided, if we have had a little more intelligent and representative government, with less consideration for the interests of those who have amassed huge fortunes. I will mention just two instances, both legalised by our post-war authorities.

One was the validation of dures notes which necessarily increased the circulation of paper money, and consequently decreased the purchasing power of our bank bills. It means inflation and cause of corruption. And we were under no obligation to validate such dures notes, which were often possessed by the enemy's collaborators and speculators.

Another instance was the enactment of the Occupation Land Transaction Ordinance which gave the enemy collaborators all facilities to the detriment of loyalists, thus alienating and demoralising pro-British and pro-allied patriots. The legislation also deprived the Government of millions through confiscation of traitors' properties, and thus contributed further to financial difficulty.

I hope and pray that Simple Simon, Runt Coelum, Doo Mo Loo, our old, revered H.G. Woodhead, O.B.E., Compiler of over-a-dozen China Year Books, Editor-in-Chief of Peking and Tientsin Times, Authority on China and her

Treaty Port Talpans, and so on, and so forth, will direct their attention to the studies on the causes of alleged inflation and corruption in Hong Kong. Instead of grumbling at accusations and counter-accusations whether or not our last outpost of Anglo-American diplomacy and democracy in the Far East is infested with pests that Confucius forgot to condemn, and therefore numerous in our neighbourhood.

"A.B. WOODENHEAD".

Challenge Accepted

Sir,—Yes Simple Simon, your challenge is accepted. You to agree, to permit the Editor to publish your identity. I to agree for him to publish mine. We then proceed to the Police Headquarters, where you substantiate the charges of corruption hurled against the Government Depts as stated in your various letters, thereafter I to accompany you to Shanghai where I lay my charges of corruption there. Fair enough? and no substitutes.

Now, either you accept or for ever hold your peace.

"DOO MO LOO".

Groundnuts

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 14th inst., re Groundnuts, the final paragraph printed appears to have got mixed up. It is true that if profit motive alone is to be the criterion, then the Groundnut scheme in its initial stages will stand condemned by the supporters of that system, but those who rate human values more highly, will leave the verdict to history and not cry "Stinking Fish" at this stage.

C. H. M. L.

DOUBLE DECKERS TODAY

Today four ultra modern double decker buses will make their debut in Kowloon along the usual No. 1 bus route from Tsimshatsui to Kowloon City.

The first new bus will leave the Star Ferry terminus at about 8 a.m. followed by the others at 10 minute intervals.

The new buses are more modern than those used in London and will carry 60 seated passengers on both decks with six standing on the lower deck.

The size of the new buses is 26 feet by seven and half inches and the upper deck is 17 feet by seven inches.

Their new bodies are made of aluminium built on Daimler chassis and are powered by a Gardner 38 horsepower diesel engine.

The buses will boast larger sliding windows with shatter-proof glass.

SPITTING IN THE GARDENS

Six men were charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with spitting in the Botanical Gardens.

Lo Seng, Chan Hing and Wong Chiu-hung were fined \$30 each. Lee Kwan, Cheung Wai and Shung Mun-chiu, who failed to appear, had their bail of \$50 each estreated.

Spitting in the Botanical Gardens is strictly prohibited, even in the gutters, remarked the magistrate. The Gardens are a children's recreation ground, and children are weak in resisting germs.

ARMS ORDER

The Chinese Government has ordered a considerable amount of arms through a local French firm according to yesterday's vernacular "Kling Sheng Yai Po".

The newspaper quoted reliable sources. It said the arms are to be delivered at Taiwan.

Alleged Theft Of Medicine

Young Kau, Chang Cheng, Cheung Tim and Lam Yee-chun were charged at Kowloon yesterday with stealing dangerous medicine from the medical cabin of HMT Dunera between Thursday night and Friday morning.

Young Kau and Chang Cheng were additionally charged with possessing dangerous drugs.

All defendants pleaded guilty and the case was remanded to Monday.

Detective Sub-Inspector Summers told the court that all defendants were plumbers of the Tai Koo Dockyard and that they were assigned to do work on board the vessel.

On Thursday night after their work on the ship, the third and fourth defendant went into the medical cabin and stole from there two four-inch bandages each. They were seen by an attendant of the cabin and were told to leave the cabin.

Then on the following morning when the attendant went into the cabin for work, he discovered that the poisonous drug cabinet in the cabin was forced open and some contraband, a hypodermic syringe, morphine tablets, atropine, digitalin, emetin, cocaine, atropine, physostigmine salicyl and adrenalin were missing.

The case was reported to the police who arrested the defendants and found the missing drugs in the possession of the first and second defendants.

Kittens Want Home

Nine miserable looking but lovely kittens are waiting at the Central Police Station for adoption by cat-lovers.

Anybody who will promise to take good care of them may approach Sub-Inspector John Hayward.

The kittens which, with the exception of one, had been confined in a small wire cage, only big enough to hold one kitten, were brought to the court yesterday for evidence against Leung Sin who was charged with having kittens without a licence and cruelty to the animals.

Inspector Hayward said that the kittens were brought to him together with defendant who was charged with having cats without a licence. The kittens were kept in a small wire cage which was so small that they fought with each other. Two of them were on the point of suffocation.

Salvation Army Funds

The Salvation Army needs only HK\$17,176 more to reach the HK\$100,000-target for this year. A total of HK\$82,823.40 has already been raised through public donations and the Flower Day. Latest contributions follow:

Mr. and Mrs. Yuen Chen Tung	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Yee Kook Hui	100.00
Mecca Silk Store	25.00
International Entertainment Enterprises Ltd.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ian Avelot	20.00
The Texas Company (China) Ltd.	100.00
The South China Traders	25.00
The China Motor Bus Co.	100.00
Mr. L.H.C. Callhrop	30.00
Mr. Chai	30.00
Johnstone Stokes and Masters	250.00
(Sister)	10.00
Flower Day (to date)	27,500.00
Total	855,823.40

RADIO CHARGE

A woman was charged at Kowloon yesterday with possessing unlicensed radio apparatus.

Mui Fung, spinster, aged 22, told the court that a man called Wu Kwok-leung of 22 Robinson Road, first floor, left the apparatus in her cubicle and she did not know that they were illegal articles.

Defendant's cubicle was raided on Thursday and one radio receiver, one radio transmitter were seized by the police. The case was remanded to Monday.

SHOESHINE BOYS HAVE "A GRAND TIME"

Do you have a bank account? Do you have your own trade shoeshine boys club? If not, the next time when you have your shoes shined on the street ask the little boy how he feels to have one.

Not long ago they were in tatters, sleeping on the streets without a cover, fighting against hunger. Today, they are law abiding citizens of Hong Kong, having their own bank account, club and a doctor to take care of them.

All the shoeshine boys you see in the central district belong to the Wah Yan Poor Boys' Club. They were picked up by Father P. J. Howatson with the assistance of the police.

In an interview Father Howatson said that there are 30 of them in the central district. All the boys have their own bank accounts in the Club Bank. To teach them the advantages of saving, interest is paid at the rate of 10 cents on each dollar every three months. This is a generous rate of interest, but it is paying dividends for the lesson in being learned. The Club Bank has a deposit of more than HK\$280. One of the boys has as much as HK\$60 in the bank.

A survey conducted by the "Sunday Herald" yesterday showed that their average daily earnings are HK\$3. Asked whether they were happy, they said, "We have a grand time."

Club Meetings

The boys have their Club meetings on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Wah Yan College Hall. During the meetings they have a physical training period of half an hour, followed

by showers. Then comes half an hour of elementary instruction and a half hour of games.

Above all, they have a substantial supper including milk, vegetable and meat.

The thing that astounded Father Howatson most is their manners. The boys, the Irish Father said, during their Club supper will not start eating until everybody is ready. They are not ordered to do so. They do it because they think this is right. In a humorous tone, the Father said, "If they were Irish boys they would probably fight before they eat."

But, boys are boys. On several occasions they did get into trouble for breaking traffic regulations and other minor offences.

The doctor who takes care of them is Dr. P. Gutierrez. According to Father Howatson, the health of the boys has improved considerably from the time of their entering the Club. There has been only one serious case so far. That occurred when one of the boys swallowed a small pin.

The boys who do shoeshine during the day study at night at the Wah Yan College. They are all very anxious to learn English in the hope that one of these days they will become an office boy.

Travelling Trader Charged

At Central yesterday, Ng Kwong, a travelling trader was charged with stealing 240 bales of hemp, valued at \$30,000, entrusted to his care.

Inspector Brownrigg, prosecuting, said that defendant was an agent for Wai Shing Transportation Company which has branches in Macao, Canton and Hong Kong.

On or about April 1, a contract was made between Wan San, Hong shop, Canton, and Wai Shing Company for the transport of 240 bales of hemp to the Shui Wo Cheung shop in Hong Kong. Defendant, who alleged that he was a partner of the Wai Shing Company, was placed "in charge of the job."

The bundles arrived at Macao and were transported to Hong Kong in two separate shipments. In Hong Kong defendant told a Chinese man, Li Lai to find for him a storage place for 240 bundles of hemp, which he said belonged to a man called Cheung Tin.

He was introduced to Chan Hin-ming and allowed to store the goods at the Yuen On warehouse.

Subsequently, through Li Lai he obtained \$9,000 credit on the goods from Chan Hin-ming.

In the meantime, Ng Kwong, a partner of Wai Shing Company, in Hong Kong, waited in vain for the hemp to arrive and reported the matter to the Water Police.

DSI Roberts, in charge of the case, went to the Yuen On warehouse with Ng, and found the hemp intact. The labels had been altered to the Wai On from Wai Shing. The warehouse book had two names, Li Lai and Cheung Tin as owners.

The two men were traced to the Great Eastern Hotel.

Li Lai told them that he had been suspicious of the defendant and had returned a cheque of \$5,000 to Chan Hin-ming.

Defendant denies receiving the remaining \$4,000 from Li Lai. Hearing is adjourned to April 22.

DEATH FALL IN CENTRAL AREA

There was considerable excitement in front of the "On Lok Yuen" Restaurant, Des Voeux Road Central, shortly before 8 p.m. yesterday when the body of a man fell to the street from an upper floor of the P. & O. Building.

The man was Wong Sai-chuen, aged 25, unemployed. He was last seen on the roof of the building shortly before the incident.

An ambulance was immediately summoned and he was rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital, but he died on the way.

DEBT SEQUEL

A \$8 debt incurred over a Mah Jong game resulted in a Chinese, Chan Chun being fined \$25 and bound over in the sum of \$100 for six months, at Central yesterday.

Sun Yang Chai, a married woman, told the court that defendant owed her husband \$8, and when she went to collect the debt, she quarrelled. Chan Chun was taken to the court by the police.

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Reminders

Today

Stag Dinner Party, Kowloon Cricket Club, 8 p.m.

Opening night at Bible Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Toc 21 Club Classical Concert, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Talk on "Adventure" by Colonel Brainer Creagh, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon: 7 a.m. Holy Communion; 8 a.m. Holy Communion with Easter hymns; 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Festal Morning Prayer; 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion; 8.30 p.m. Festal Evening Prayer and Sermon; special Easter music by The Choir and solos by Miss Margaret Stuart; 7.45 p.m. Holy Communion.

Easter Service at Robert Morrison Church, Macao, preacher: The Rev. Mr. G. Hatt-Lipscomb, 11 a.m.

HK Art Club, Sketching Party, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf, 10.30 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Easter Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Union Church Management Committee meeting, Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.



Shoeshine boy by day, studying at night school at Wah Yan College after work, this lad, here seen busy polishing, hopes to be a clerk some day. ("Sunday Herald" Photo.)

OFFICIAL NOTICES, APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Henry Rennie Cleland has been appointed to be an additional member of the Traffic Advisory Committee, with effect from April 5.

Major E.G. Stewart, has been appointed to be Chairman of the Hong Kong Volunteer Dependents Advisory Committee with effect from April 1.

Mr. J. M. Gordon Williams has been appointed to be a member of the Hong Kong Volunteer Dependents Advisory Committee with effect from March 19.

Mr. Alwin Danton Scholes, First Magistrate, Kowloon, has been appointed to act as Police Judge with effect from April 18.

The appointment of Mr. Kenneth Martin Almo as an Assessor, Grade I, Inland Revenue Department, has been approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Mr. Almo arrived in Hong Kong on April 9.

Mr. W. A. Jones has been appointed to act as Registrar-General with effect from April 1.

Mr. J. B. Malagard has been appointed to be a Deputy Registrar-General with effect from April 1.

Mr. E. H. Salisbury and Mr. P. R. Springall have also been appointed to be Deputy Registrars-General with effect from April 1.

Mr. G. I. Harman has been appointed to be Deputy Registrar of Marriages with effect from April 1.

Messrs. D. B. Evans, Lee Hon-chee and Jose Maria d'Almada Remedios have been appointed to be Justices of the Peace for Hong Kong with effect from April 14.

Mr. Victorino de la Torre has now been fully recognised as Consul for Argentina at Hong Kong.

PIG DEALER IN COURT

A Chinese male, Chan Wah-muk, aged 38, was formally charged at Central yesterday with wounding and attempting to murder his elder brother, Chan Muk-fo.

The incident occurred in the early morning of Easter Friday, at the pig-dealers' dormitory at No. 15, Chung Ching Street. Complainant was still in bed when the defendant entered his room and is alleged to have struck him twice with a chopstick.

The case was remanded to April 20.

MARINE COURT

Twenty-one offenders of harbour regulations were brought to the Marine Court on Good Friday before Mr. D. G. Cairns and fined a total sum of \$118.

Charged with anchoring at Causeway Bay without permission, 17 boat mistresses and two boat masters were fined \$5 each. For having diesel oil aboard their vessels and anchoring at Cheung Chau Bay, other than at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage, 2 boat masters were each fined \$20. For having diesel oil aboard their vessels and anchoring at Cheung Chau Bay, other than at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage, 2 boat masters were each fined \$20.

All defendants pleaded guilty.

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JANUARY (December 21-January 19.) This week is likely to open with stirring news and some substantial good fortune. Later, probably about Friday-temporary financial difficulties which should clear up over the following week-end. A good week for new ventures and for anything that concerns officials.

FEBRUARY (January 20-February 18.) Better financial luck than you expected on Wednesday but many problems to be solved concerning family and place of residence. Best day in which to make vital decisions, take forceful action would be Wednesday or Friday.

MARCH (February 19-March 20.) First half of week likely to bring a clutch of health problems and possibly involve over a false friend. Later you recover any ground lost, make financial progress. Thursday the most generally propitious day of the week.

APRIL (March 21-April 20.) A good week for anything that needs a touch of originality or audacity and particularly favourable for large-scale investments. Worth while contacting people of influence and making good use of such connections on Wednesday and Friday.

MAY (April 21-May 20.) First half of week may bring sense of frustration but at the same time some unforeseen entertainment and happiness. Mid-week most promising for new schemes or any venture that aims at quick profits. Don't hesitate to cut your losses, concentrate on something new on Friday.

JUNE (May 21-June 20.) New contacts made in next few days should prove financially valuable, both in immediate future and in three months time. First half of week good for anything that needs the personal touch, last three days more suitable for correspondence, legal business, routine.

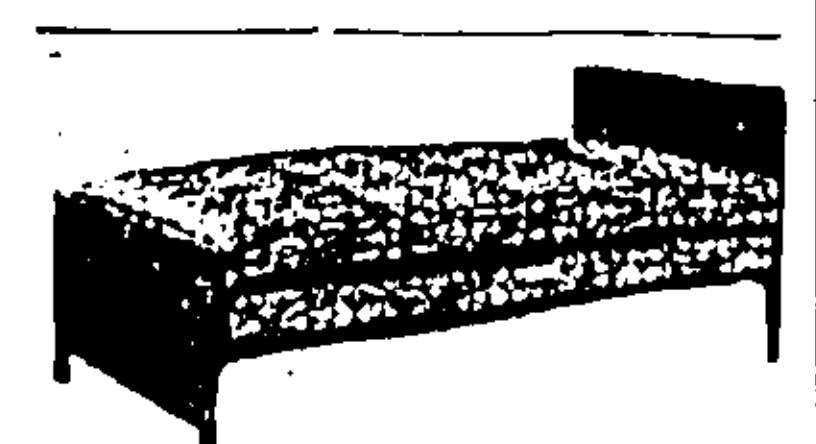
JULY (June 21-July 20.) If you have important work on hand, get it completed as quickly as possible. After Tuesday conditions will not be quite so favourable. A good week for insurance or legacy.

AUGUST (July 21-August 21.) Think of the future and don't aim at purely immediate profits. Something could be fixed up the week that serves you well for a few years to come. Important link-up made on Wednesday but at the cost of much argument or criticism.

SEPTEMBER (August 22-September 21.) You should be able to manage friends and relatives much as you would wish in next few days. Hence, any social scheme or anything that relates to family welfare goes through quickly and easily. A good week for money provided you avoid long-term commitments.

OCTOBER (September 22-October 21.) Possibility of speculative gain and of some windfall from family sources. Fortunate days for money would be Sunday and Wednesday, for purely personal problems on Friday. Likelihood of unexpected journey early in week.

NOVEMBER (October 22-November 21.) It looks as though you pull off a much coveted deal affecting property or house. Alternatively



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WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

The family are in funds and you benefit too. Some contention likely over finances early in week but harmony should be restored by Friday.

DECEMBER (November 23-December 22.) You gain some much coveted boon through intervention of neighbour, brother or sister. An interesting and probably fortunate week in business but personal problems will prove insoluble for a time. Some controversy likely about a former love affair or, if a family man or woman, youngsters.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17: For MOST OF US: Keep to the path of conventional routine and you will be happy today. Propitious for sport of any kind, outdoor life. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Orange, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: In spite of one threatened estrangement or business break-up, most schemes and most relationships are under propitious stars this year. Indeed, it has probably been some years since you have had such a fortunate number of configurations on your birthday.

Given ambition and energy, you could go far in 1949. Not only will you reap the reward of hard work put in during the last ten years, but you should see at least one important new scheme get well under way. An association that dates from roughly 1940 should become more important and more secure. Founded this year. Although financial gains are not likely to be sensational, yet you do well and keep up a good standard of comfort.

Probably your income increases but you find that necessary outgoings are heavier than usual and you have not a good deal in hand. Nevertheless, it would be worth while putting surplus cash into property. Also, there is some prospect that you have a legacy in this form during the year.

But if dealing in hand, be very wary in your contacts with officials and make very certain that you comply with any local regulations. It is a good year for marriage if single or, if already married, for taking a new house and adding to the family circle. A break threatens with one close friend or relative possibly a brother or sister but other ties will be strengthened rather than weakened this year.

MONDAY, APRIL 18: For MOST OF US: Good for travel, correspondence, interviews but probably unfavourable for cash deals. Beware complicated schemes and personal misunderstandings. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pale grey, 5, Topaz.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Provided you make an effort to be practical and cheerful, all should be well this year. If you give way to nervous worry, unfounded apprehension, you will waste a good deal of time guarding against dangers that don't exist. Bear in mind that most of what you fear will not materialise and that the general outlook for 1949/50 is a cheerful one.

If you dislike your present environment or are dissatisfied with present conditions, it should be possible to bring about desired changes towards Christmas. Money worries need not bother you if you keep clear of speculation and if you are cynical about hard-up friends and acquaintances. Your troubles this year will arise not so much from a decrease in income as an increase in the claims upon it. It is a good year for travel, provided you are not much on the sea.

If you do not go abroad, then it looks as though you will be making more journeys about the country than usual and that you will be able to take a longer holiday than hitherto this year. June and September are the most favourable months for getting about.

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

A number of new friends will come into your life this year but you would be well advised not to let any of these new friendships become intimate ones. Provided you keep a little aloof and refuse to take sides, then you will be at peace in 1949/50. Once you become involved in a controversy or take mischief-makers seriously, you will be heading for trouble.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19: For MOST OF US: Provided you can keep the peace, you should do well today. Excellent for slowly moving schemes, for property matters, anything involving other people. Accident risk somewhat high about mid-day. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Soft blue, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Think back to what you were doing in 1940 and '41. In some way events of those years will become important now. You will revive old associations both in your personal life and in your work. Nothing but good can come of recontacting the past, so go ahead and make the most of family ties and old friendships.

What progress you make this year will be with the help of older and more influential people and possibly through wise use of family credit. At the same time progress will not be altogether easy, particularly about the present time and in November. Business competition will be keen and you will have a good deal of personal enmity to overcome. Oddly enough, in all relationships it will be men who bring you trouble and women who bring easy business and good fortune.

Health should be good throughout the year but bear in mind that accident risk is rather high and be particularly careful if driving a car or using edged tools. You are in some danger too of slavery, particularly in the next few weeks and in about six months' time. The older you are the brighter your chances of happiness this year and, believe it or not, many April 19 widows and widowers will marry. Although hostility from someone with whom you have been close for a long time may make life a little difficult at times, yet the 12 months that begin today should remain long in your memory as a period of quiet happiness and substantial achievement.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20: For MOST OF US: Good business day but unsettling influences in all personal matters. Avoid intimate discussions, family enquiries. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Royal purple, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Where money is concerned, you need have no fears and few worries this year. Your worldly problems will melt away very quickly as 1949 goes by. In more intimate matters life may be disturbed at times unhappy.

Income should begin to increase almost at once, but your "bumper period" for money would be between the beginning of December 1949 and the middle of February, 1950. During that period you should do very well indeed over some rather unusual scheme. The odds are on success in out of the way and during ventures this year. You won't gain anything by clinging to outworn associations or to conservative methods. The more chances you take within reason, the better. Yet speculative risks would not be altogether wise, particularly during the first few months of

to make careful note of what dreams or psychic experiences you may have. Again and again you will find that your own instinct serves you better than the advice of tried counsellors.

This year is likely to prove a testing time in that it will probably find you rebelling against the narrow ideas of people in your circle and taking up some out-of-the-way interest. It looks as though you would link up with a group of people who follow uncommon occupations but are endowed with talent and personality. Provided you do not make expensive commitments, personal affairs should run smoothly enough this year. Indeed, you are likely to be blessed with happiness of an unusual kind, probably developing from new ties due about October. If single and planning marriage, it might be as well to wait for the actual ceremony until early in 1950.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22: For MOST OF US: Little use worrying about the week's blunders or trying to sort out yesterday's problems. Instead make the best of fresh suggestions. Introductions, new schemes FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Leaf green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: You can set out upon this new life with fresh hope and confidence. Although 1949/50 will bring its problems, yet the success and happiness you will achieve will outweigh them. Existing conditions are likely to weigh rather heavily upon you during September and again early in 1950. But during the second period you will probably get a chance to shake yourself free of them and to end what has been an embarrassing and irksome tie. These reshuffles will probably have to be made both in your business and personal affairs.

First hints of changes that will probably affect your job are due about June. The full cycle of changes is not likely to be completed, however, until about February 1950. In the intervening period you will probably be making plans but find it difficult to put them into effect.

It would be worth while taking any chance of travel that comes your way and to remember that new schemes are the ones that pay this year. Also, don't enter upon any important venture in collaboration with someone much older than yourself. Associates of your own age or younger should be your choice in 1949/50. Elderly people are likely to be a thorn in the flesh throughout the year and you will have to endure a good deal of criticism and perhaps opposition from an older woman in your circle. Apart from annoyances of this kind, personal life should be very happy and the year will be marked by some interesting new friendships. If still single, consider marriage either in June or in February.

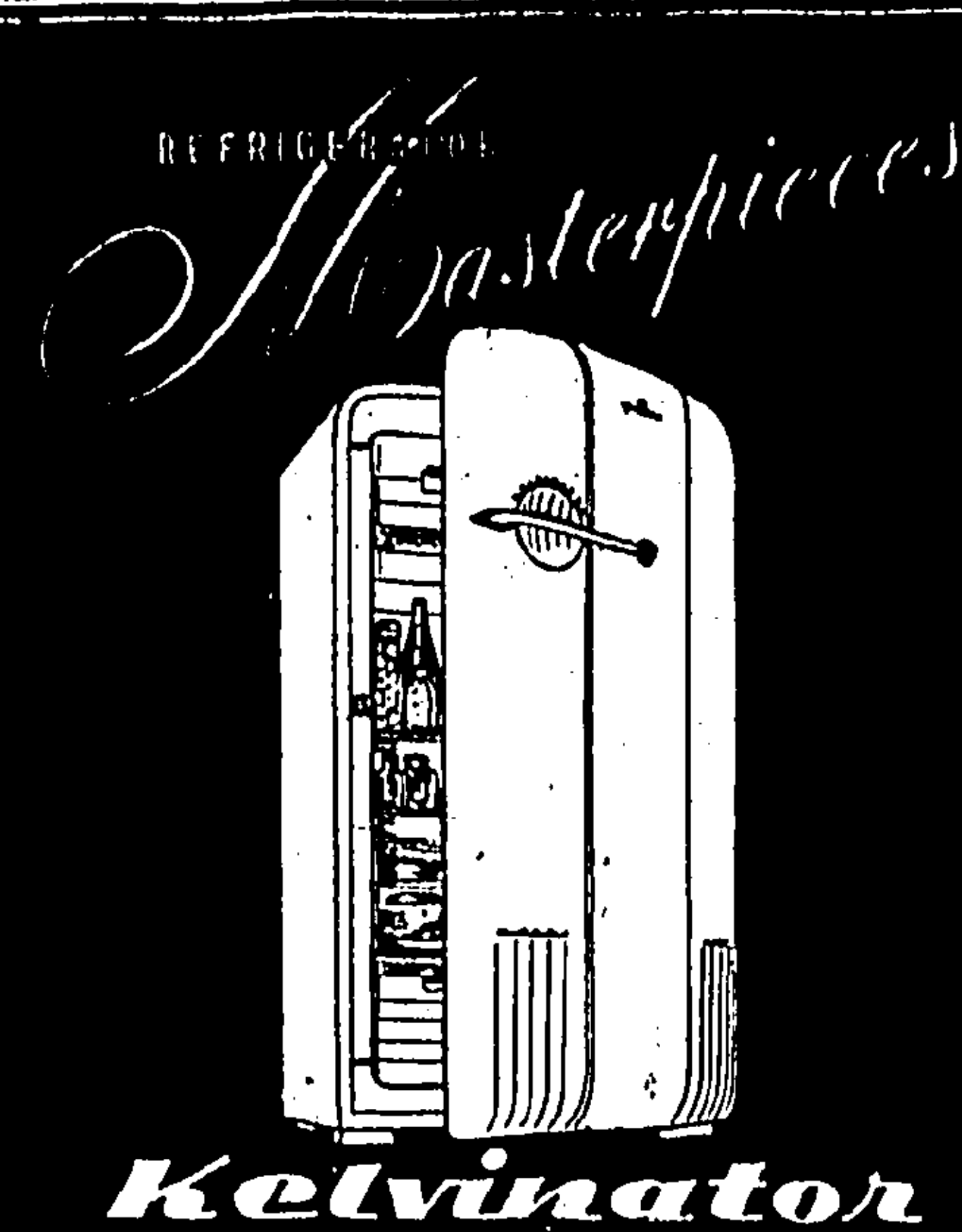
SATURDAY, APRIL 23: For MOST OF US: Just the day for visiting friends, arranging social activities. Important business schemes can be safely left over the week-end. Don't waste your time in solitude this evening. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Cinnamon brown, 5, Onyx.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Provided you are not ambitious and can be content with a pleasant if uneventful life, all's well in 1949/50. If, however, you are hoping for sensational success or high profits, there is little in your birthday stars to encourage you this year. Life should pass very comfortably indeed, provided you don't take undue risks or aim at important changes. Although certain business reshuffles would be beneficial, it would not be worth while changing the present manner of your existence.

You will have little need to worry about money, provided you don't alter your present way of living. A little speculative "luck" is probable, particularly in October and February. It is a good year for travel but not for settling abroad. You will probably have to make more journeys than usual in the way of business. It is a propitious period too for social activities of every kind and for joining up with new groups or societies.

Your personal relationships should be undisturbed in 1949/50. If still under 25, marriage plans are likely to develop late in the year; if older than that, existing circumstances should remain the same until after your next birthday. One thing to remember in the coming 12 months: the more you have to do with young children, the happier you are likely to be.

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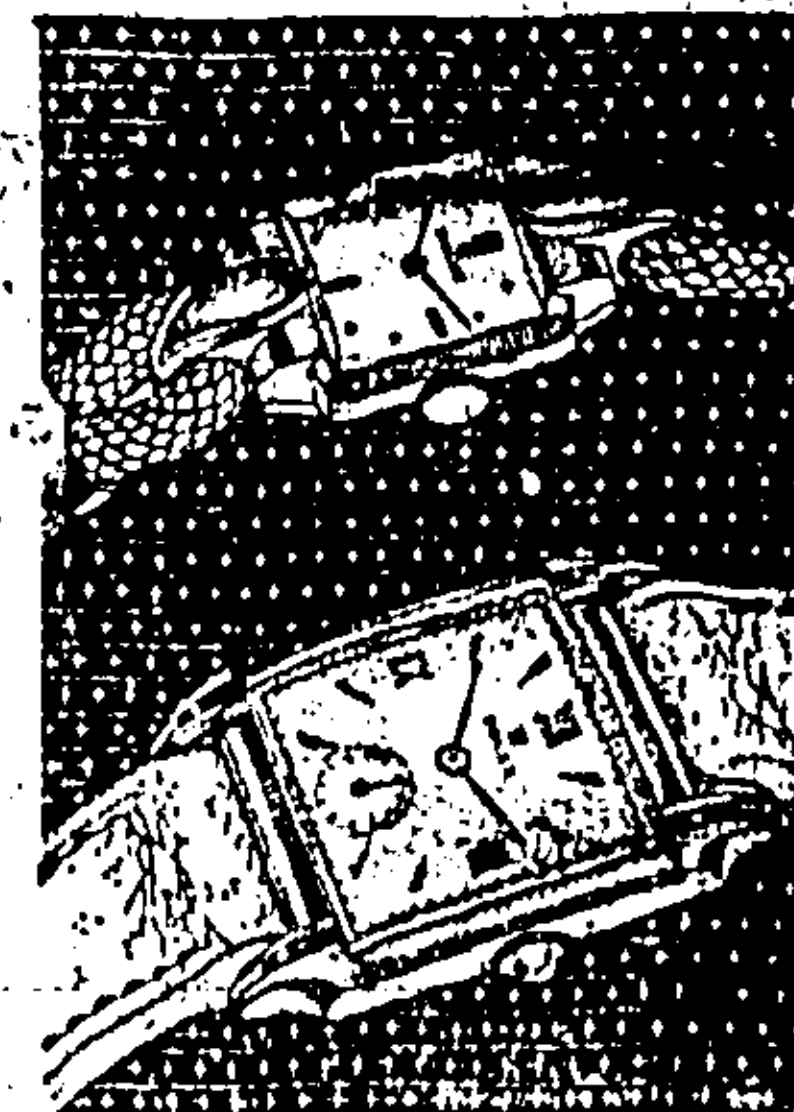
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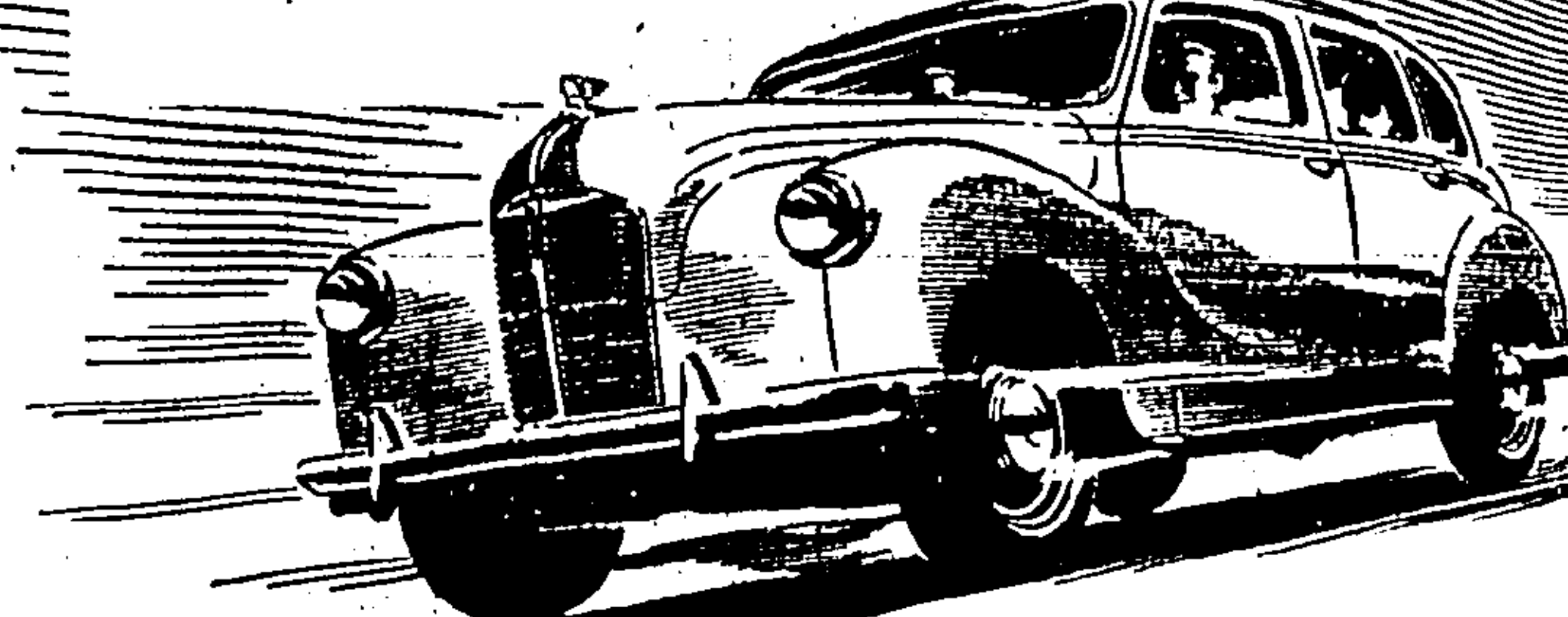
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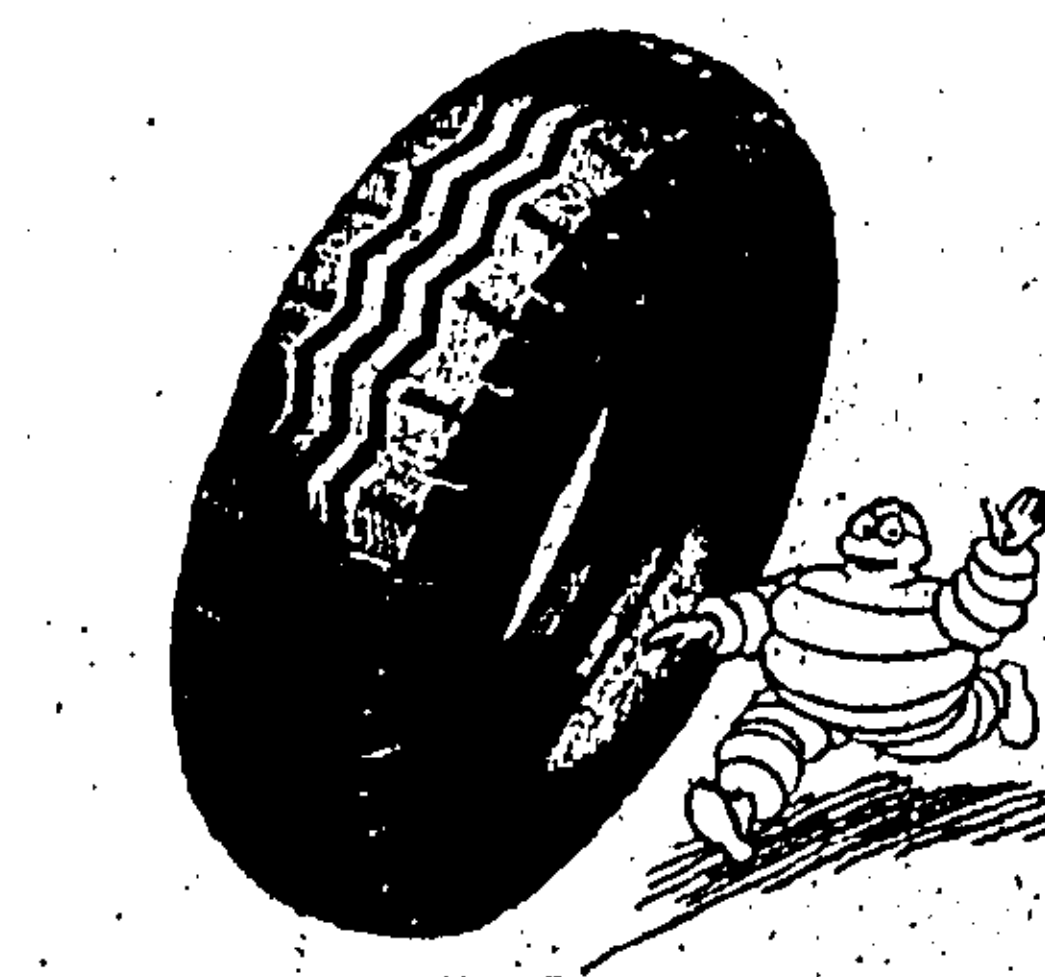
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RUSSIAN EMPIRE IN BALKANS CRUMBLING?

London, April 16.

The Bulgarian Premier, Georgi Dimitrov, retired from office today both as head of the Government and of the Bulgarian Communist Party. Western diplomats look for a sign that Russia's Balkan Empire is crumbling.

An official announcement in Sofia said Mr. Dimitrov has been granted "home leave" for medical treatment in the Soviet Union. This followed by only 10 days the removal of Mr. Dimitrov's right-hand man, Traicho Kostov, as Vice-Premier and head of the powerful Economic and Financial Committee. It also comes on top of recent reports from Yugoslavia that Bulgarian Communists have carried out a whole-scale purge.

The communiqué announcing Mr. Dimitrov's "home leave" was issued jointly by the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Ministerial Council. It did not amplify the phrase "home leave" but the 46-year-old Dimitrov is known to be ailing. He is a Soviet citizen.

Two Questions

Another official communiqué, meanwhile, announced that Mr. Kostov has been appointed director of the Bulgarian National Library. The Dimitrov announcement raised two questions among Balkan experts: 1. Is Bulgaria about to spread its own wings? 2. Is the Stalin-Tito battle for influence in the Balkans spreading?

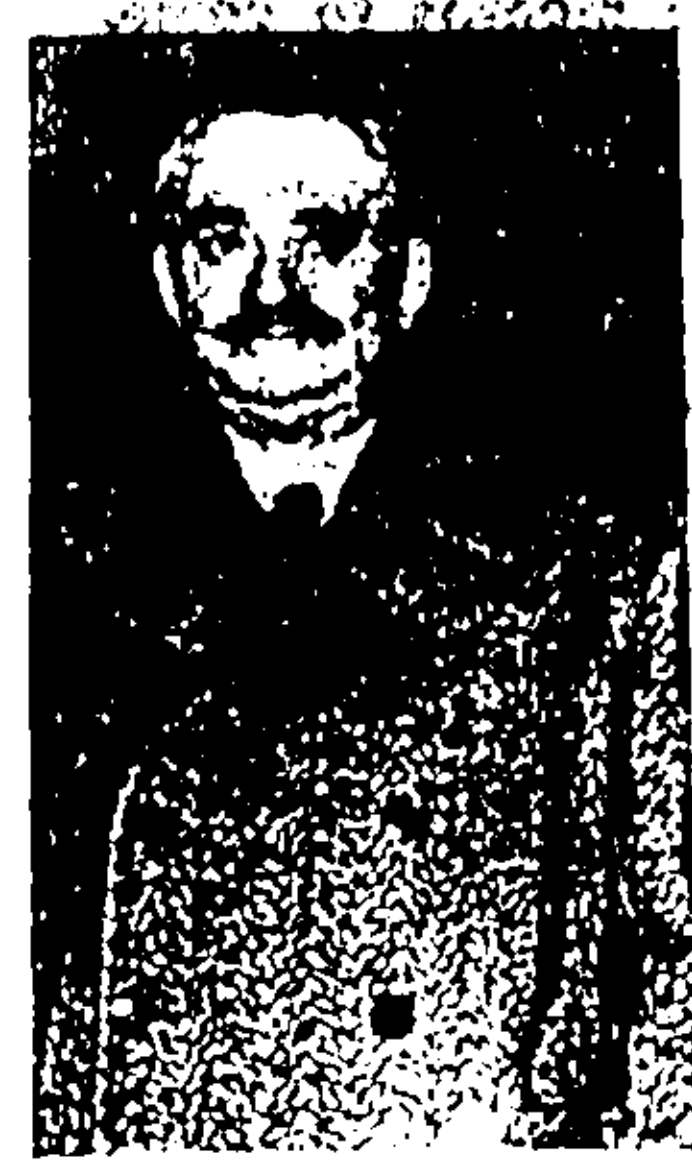
The official communiqué, as usual lacking in details and explanation, created more interest than anything that has happened since the excommunication of Marshal Tito from the Cominform last year.

Federation Plan

Marshal Tito and Dimitrov were friends and had similar ideas about the future of the Balkans before Tito's expulsion from the Cominform. They were leading exponents of a Balkan or Eastern European Federation—a plan the Kremlin has always opposed.

Mr. Dimitrov tried again after the war to revive the Federation project. Russia said no. On January 17, 1948, he made his last try. He told a press conference in Bucharest that an Eastern European federation was premature, but would come "when the time was right".

The sudden announcement apparently paved the way for provisional succession of the Moscow-trained Vassili Kolarov as acting Premier. Mr. Kolarov is currently deputy Premier and Foreign Minister.—United Press



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 12.00 p.m. London Studio Melodies... Mahanand and his Orchestra. (H.K.T.S.)
 12.30 p.m. Sports Results.
 12.40 p.m. Excerpt from Programme Summary.
 12.42 p.m. Songs That Have Sold A Million.
 1.00 p.m. Edmunds, Ro and His Rumba Band.
 1.15 p.m. News, Weather Report and Announcements.
 1.27 p.m. Interlude.
 1.30 p.m. A Popular Concert.
 2.15 p.m. "Piano Duet by Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson."
 2.30 p.m. "Hand Call".... H.K. Variety Orchestra Conducted by Rae Robertson, with Danny Dennis and Chorus. (H.K.T.S.)
 3.00 p.m. Edith Lomax (Violin) and her Viennese Orchestra and Martin Ziegler, Soprano.
 3.30 p.m. Jimmy and Jimmy Dorsey with Their Orchestra.
 4.00 p.m. World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay)
 4.15 p.m. "Prime Outing" A Welsh Comedy by K. Eynon Evans. (H.K.T.S.)
 4.45 p.m. Radio Sales by Ghislene Neven and Arnold Edgus.
 5.00 p.m. "Rita Me Kate"—Recorded by the Principal Artists of the Broadway Production Lyrics and Music by Cole Porter—Presented by Aileen Woods. (Studio)
 6.00 p.m. Easter Evening Song from the Holy Trinity Church, Wellington. (New Zealand Relay)
 6.30 p.m. Children's Half Hour: "All Kinds of Eggs" Written by Ruth Kilby. (Studio)
 7.00 p.m. Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay)
 7.15 p.m. "Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Week's Programmes. (Studio)
 7.30 p.m. "Time for Music".... H.K. Highland Light Orchestra Conducted by Gilbert Vinter. (H.K.T.S.)
 8.00 p.m. World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
 8.15 p.m. "My Son for You" Sung by Maurice Evans. (H.K.T.S.)
 8.30 p.m. "Emma" By Jane Austen. Adapted for Broadcasting by H. Clifford Box. (H.K.T.S.)
 9.00 p.m. "From the Editorials" (London Relay)
 9.10 p.m. Interlude.
 9.15 p.m. "Take It From Here" (London Relay)
 9.45 p.m. Symphony Concert. Cols. Irgouan—Overture (Kalevala)... Pittsburgh Sym. Orch. Conducted by Fritz Reiter. Telephone Music. Op. 21. (Lafayette)
 10.00 p.m. Menuhin (Violin) and Orch. Symphonique de Paris conducted by Georges Enescu. Symphony No. 4 in G Major, Op. 88 (Brahms)... Czech Philharmonic Orch. conducted by Václav Talich.
 11.00 p.m. Ballade Conducted by The Rev. J. E. Sandbach. (Studio)
 11.15 p.m. Weather Report and Close Down.

Cominform's Campaign In Balkans

London, April 16. Diplomatic observers here believe that Moscow Radio's new daily broadcasts in the Macedonian language, which start today, will be used for stepping up the Cominform propaganda against Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav Premier. In an area generally regarded as a likely trouble point.

The Macedonians, politically divided between Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece, speak a Southern Slav language near to Bulgarian and have given irregular transmissions in Macedonian within the normal service for Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

PRINCESS AT ABBEY CEREMONY

London, April 14.

Carrying the traditional nosegay of sweet herbs to guard against infection, Princess Elizabeth today took her father's place at the Westminster Abbey Maundy Thursday ceremonies which, from ancient times, have been marked by the Sovereign's giving "all manner of things yearly" to the poor.

In the presence of Princess Elizabeth, a Yeoman of the Guard in Tudor uniform strode through the crowded nave bearing on his head the great silver dish, from the Lord High Almoner, the Bishop of Lichfield, distributed 54 pence in silver—as many pence as the King is years old—to 54 men and 54 women, poor and old.

The ceremony of alms-giving in silver coin was begun by Edward III in 1363, when he was 50 years of age. It was his modification of the much more ancient custom of giving clothing and food, and even washing the feet of the poor, which yearly commemorated the "Dies Mandati"—the Day of the Last Supper.

Only 23 old women and 21 old men of those entitled to receive alms were present at the Abbey ceremony today.

The rest of them, bed-ridden with age and infirmity, were represented by the clergymen of their parishes.—Reuter.

They Slim By Worry

Hollywood, April 16.

The actress, Corinne Calvet, says it is an old trick with French women: losing weight just by thinking about it. "Fashions change frequently in France," explained the little Frenchwoman, "the perfect figure at the beginning of the year may mean a full bust and small hips. Six months later, perhaps, the mode is a small bust and narrow hips. Or small bust and wide hips. One must be alert."

French women, she asserted, do not worry about politics. They worry about their man, about their love, life. It follows that they worry about how they look, she said.

"So, I can gain or lose just by worrying," she said. "I look in the mirror at night, and I say, 'Oh, this will not do! I talk to myself. It is awful, I say, I worry very much. I must lose weight. This thought goes into my subconscious mind while I sleep.'"

Miss Calvet, married recently to the actor, John Bromfield, insists that she can redistribute her weight in three weeks solely by the above method.

"In one week I lost 3½ pounds around the waist," she declared proudly.—Associated Press.

Shimmy Girl Files Suit

Denver, Colorado, April 15.

Miss Gilda Gray, former queen of the jazz dance known as the "shimmy", has filed suit for \$1,000,000 here against Columbia Pictures Corporation. She claims that the corporation has hurt her that much by "stealing" her life story. The suit claims that Columbia's film "Gilda"—which starred Rita Hayworth and Glenn Ford—stole not only her life story but also her "shimmy".

"Shimmy" is mentioned at length in one suit as consisting "mainly of rhythmical shaking and shivering of parts of the body synchronised and performed to personalised and syncopated musical rhythm and accompanied with appropriate songs"—Reuter.

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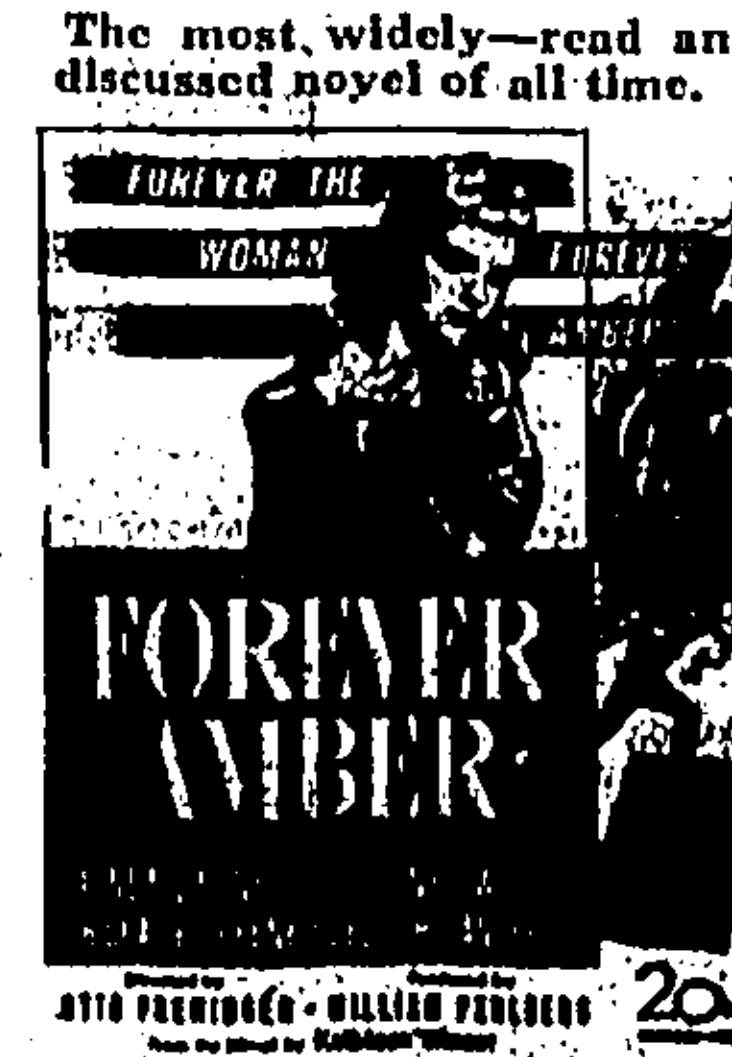
Mons, April 14.

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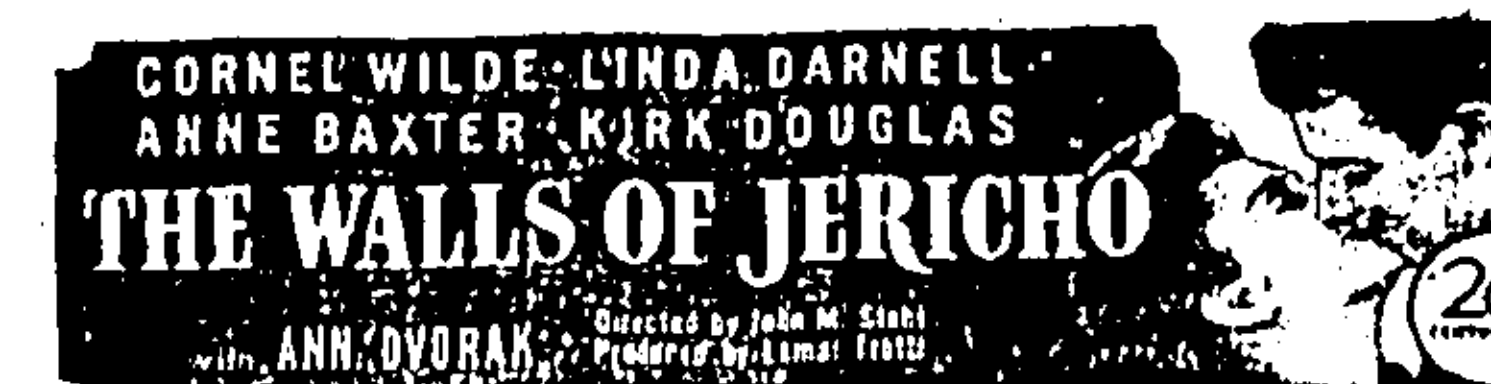
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Lung may your lum reek. I think it means, "Lung may your chimney continue to smoke," although why the Scots themselves can't put it in that form is beyond me.

Lung may your lum reek. I couldn't get it out of my head. It followed me around for two days.

And then suddenly the swiftness of a vision, I saw my own (air?) lum reeking. A quiet little house in the trees, and the blue reek from my lum drifting away through the sunlit leaves.

I decided, at that moment, that we must, immediately, go and live in the country. London, the conf. The sad streets of Plimlico.

Only the other day, in Plimlico, we saw a man painting a house dark chocolate, picked out with multigatavny window-frames. He was brightening the place up.

Out! Away! We must begin to live! We must begin to breathe!

I went to see a house agent.

"I want," I said, "a little house in the country, with an old wall, and a small garden, and a place where we can have breakfast, in the summer, under a tree."

He looked through a number of books.

"I have," he said—"It didn't surprise me—"It's just the very thing. Hour from London, old Tudor coaching-house, river at the end of the garden..."

I snatched the address from his hand.



It took a little time to find the old Tudor coaching-house. I walked up and down, for about half an hour, a road bordered on either side with new villas. Some of them had windows like porcelains, but the coves. Others had coloured glass lozenges set into the panels of the front doors.

Then I found the Tudor coaching-house. Down a lane about 30 feet long, clamped between

two houses with gravel glued on to the walls.

It wasn't so much a Tudor coaching-house. More of a Tudor bicycle-shed, as a matter of fact, with a mauve, lustre-work, an-tracte stove set into the wall of the old Tudor lounge-hall, dining-reception-recess.

While I was talking things over with the owner—we were standing on a small pile of broken bricks in the garden, to keep our feet out of the long wet grass, a flannel shirt parted company from its fellows on a line next door, and blew across the fence into my face. I caught it neatly, and handed it back. A murmur of approval came from the neighbours, leaning on all the other fences. It looked as though I'd been accepted already.

When I got back to town I went to see another house-agent.

This one did his work in elegant Georgian mansion, with gleaming mahogany desks spread around the polished, chequered floor. A few notices of auctions on the walls, but the commercial side, on the whole, played down.

"Country properties?" said the young man. "Certainly, sir. Our Mr. Umblemumble..."

Our Mr. Umblemumble was busy on the telephone. I drew up a chair to Mr. Umblemumble's desk, and waited.

Mr. Umblemumble had three more telephone calls, each of them about five to six minutes' duration. I appeared to him to be invisible.

"My dear sir," Mr. Umblemumble told the telephone, "we must learn to wait, before we can run. I fully realise the value of the property, but until the requisite repairs are effected—"

I sat there, listening to Mr. Umblemumble's telephone conversation. At one moment he put down the receiver and began to write a letter, while an indistinguishable, thin voice continued some impassioned harangue at the other end.

"Well, sir," said Mr. Umblemumble, picking up the receiver again, "what can I do for you?" For a moment I didn't realise he was talking to me.

"I wanted," I began, "to buy a small house in the country—" "As much as that?" said Mr. Umblemumble, surprised. "You realise, of course, that under the terms of the present Act—"

He was back again with his telephone friend.

Five minutes later Mr. Umblemumble put down the phone for good. He looked me straight in the eye.

"You want," he said rapidly, "a small place in the country, secluded, yet not too far from the station and the shops, facing South, standing in its own grounds."

Mr. Umblemumble gave a barking laugh.

"My dear sir," he said, "who doesn't?"

He threw one arm over the back of his chair. "Seclusion," he said, "Privacy. We all want it. It's a sign of the times. Client of mine bought a house the other day in Wargrave. Put up a 40ft. fence so that the neighbours couldn't see him mowing his lawn. Chap next door put up a 50ft. fence. They're all doing it."

Mr. Umblemumble's telephone rang again.

He talked, very quickly, for eight minutes. The subject appeared to be trellis-work, but it was very difficult to follow. Mr. Umblemumble put down the phone.

"The position," he said, lighting a cigarette, with some care, "is farcical. Absolutely farcical. Thirteen million houses in this country, and only 1,000,000 of them with a view. Of course, I can let you have a nice little cottage now—immediately. But the roof has fallen in, and you're not allowed to build. Can't get the licence. Now, I remember, when I was a boy—some time later, to hear Mr. Umblemumble saying: "It's the newspapers. They're the trouble. One day a doctor says that sweets rot children's teeth. And next day you get a letter from a man who says he has 12 sons, and reared every one of them on bull's-eyes!"

It was a dream. How could he possibly have got on to the subject of bull's-eyes when I was only trying to buy a house? I separated myself from Mr. Umblemumble with the utmost difficulty. He wanted to tell me about his own house in the country, but fortunately at that moment his telephone rang again.

"Hello," said Mr. Umblemumble, "yes? Ah, good morning. About the Wokingham property. Now if I may be allowed to say so—"

He began to talk. I could still hear him, faintly, some way down the street.

Can it really be as difficult as this? I mean, are there really only two kinds of agents? The kind that sends you off to a secluded Tudor nook, and when you find it the garden is covered with the Monday morning smells from next door?

Or the kind who is so tired of people asking for small houses in their own grounds, but close to shops and public transport, that he doesn't allow the client to talk at all, even going to the length, to prevent it, of discussing trellis-work with a third party, or examining the benefits of roofing 12 children upon an exclusive diet of bull's-eyes?

It looks as though it will be a long time before my lum is going to reek.



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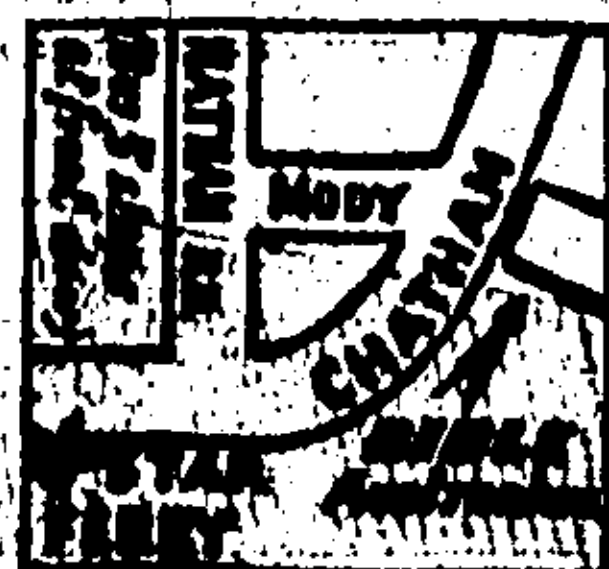
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It will be attended by probably the largest number of senior officers ever to assemble for a planning exercise by the Royal Navy.

Among those present will be Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser, the First Sea Lord; the Commanders-in-Chief of Home and Overseas Commands, with

their chiefs of staff; and high officers of the Army and RAF. Also expected are the Ministers of the three Services, senior Civil Servants and scientists, senior officers of the Royal Naval Reserve and a number of American naval observers. The exercise is to be directed by Admiral Sir Philip Vian.

Long Preparation
"Trident" has been in preparation for many months and is the outcome of study and planning which has been going on since the war. It is the counterpart of the big programme of operational exercises at sea.

A wide range of subjects will be reviewed. All bear on problems of the future which, though primarily naval, closely affect the other Services and Ministries and the Merchant Navy.

Secret Show

Starting with lessons learned during the late war, the exercise will focus thought on the conduct of operations in the immediate future and the later trend of scientific development.

"Battles" on paper are to be fought out in a new lecture hall at the College with the aid of cinema films, maps, relief models and other devices. A secret exhibition in the College will include prototypes of future equipment for use in the Navy.

CONGRESS APPROVES AID BILL

Washington, April 14.

The United States Congress gave quick approval today to a compromise \$5,430 million European Recovery Programme.

A few minutes after the authorisation Bill passed the House of Representatives. It was approved by the Senate.

The measure acted by voice vote. The measure now goes to the White House for President Truman's approval. The swift Senate action was in sharp contrast to the long and bitter debate which, for 13 days, held up the approval of the Senate's own Marshall Plan Bill.

The measure approves another 15 months of the Marshall Plan aid to Europe and sets a ceiling on the money to be spent. The cash must be provided later by appropriation.

The bill, as finally passed, was in the same form in which it came from a Senate-House conference late yesterday, and provides for almost everything the Administration had asked.

Immediately, the President signs it into law, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be enabled to advance \$1,000 million to the Economic Co-operation Administration. This will permit it to carry on until the Congressional Appropriation groups actually grant the funds authorised today.

The new \$5,430 million figure represents a compromise between the original Senate authorisation of \$5,580 million and the House sum, which was \$200 million less. It was worked out after a day-long, closed session yesterday between five Senators and five Representatives, reconciling the respective Bills.

Communist Menace In Malaya

London, April 16.

Sir Eric Macfadyen, former Chairman of the Planters' Association of Malaya, wrote in the British weekly review Spectator today that the Communist menace, in one form or another, will persist in Malaya so long as Communism is a winning cause in China.

The present administration, he wrote, has taken the measure of its problem and deserves confidence. "There is already some ground for hope that it may before long, with growing support from the people as a whole, get on top of its difficulties. But progress will be slow and not without setbacks," he added.

"The country is not the same country as before the war. It is moving inevitably towards self-government.

"But the administrative task is fundamentally the same. Malaya up to the last war was a happy as well as prosperous land. The secret of both its happiness and its prosperity was that those in authority knew their own mind, and all elements in its very varied racial composition knew exactly how far they might go."—Reuter.

SINKING AFTER COLLISION

Southampton, April 15.

The master and crew of the Dublin steamer City of Waterford, which sank yesterday after being in collision with the Greek steamer Marpessa, were landed here last night.

The City of Waterford, bound for Dublin from Antwerp, sank in three quarters of an hour. The crew took to two life-boats and were picked up by the steamer Keynes in 10 minutes.—Reuter.

The Catholic Church And War Question

Rome, April 16.

The Vatican newspaper Observatore Romano will publish an article tomorrow saying that war against Russian Communism would not be the end of the world war should be ended. Vatican sources said tonight. The newspaper announced that it would publish an important article called "The Catholic Church and War."

Vatican sources said the article would answer Left Wing press charges that Pope Pius XII and the Vatican favour war. They said it would recount the Pope's efforts to achieve peace and make the point that even war against Communism would be of no use to civilisation.—United Press.

Iran May Complain To The UN

Teheran, April 15.

Iran has informed the Soviet Union that it might complain to the Security Council if Russia does not ease pressure on Iran.

Reliable sources said that the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Sudzhikov, who left for Moscow this morning, was asked to convey this message to the Kremlin.

They said the Ambassador was also asked by the Iranian Foreign Ministry to inform the Soviet Government that Iran considers the 1921 Irano-Soviet treaty "null and void."

That treaty permits Soviet troops to occupy Iran if Russia feels its security threatened. The Foreign Office maintains that Iran, by joining the United Nations, automatically repudiated all treaties signed under duress.—United Press.

PRISON RIOT

Jullundur, East Punjab, April 16.

Seven prisoners were injured when guards in Jullundur prison opened fire on prisoners awaiting trial, who were reported to have attacked them with tent-poles and bricks.

Five warders were also injured.—Reuter.

Recruitment For "World Citizens"

Paris, April 15.

Garry Davis, self-declared "first citizen of the world", launched his campaign today to recruit world citizens—at 10 francs a head.

In perfect Paris weather, recruiting centres were established at 50 sun-flooded cafes scattered throughout the city. Months of preparation were behind the campaign. Many people paid the fee, for which they received a white card labelled "Passport of World Citizen" and campaign literature, including a "Pact of World Citizens."

The pact read: "We declare each man, each village, each city and the human race is in danger. The crisis for world unity has begun. We wish a common law and a new federal world power charged with applying it."

Davis, a wartime American bomber pilot who renounced his United States citizenship to found the movement, was in high

UN DEBATE

BRITISH DELEGATE ANSWERS GROMYKO

New York, April 16.

The British delegate, Hector McNeill, yesterday dared Andrei A. Gromyko of Russia to file charges in the United Nations against the North Atlantic Pact.

Mr. McNeill, Minister of State, said he did not expect M. Gromyko to take such a straightforward course.

Some UN observers believe the Russians have hesitated to do so because defeat of a censure motion would mean UN endorsement of the treaty.

M. Gromyko, first Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, took notes during Mr. McNeill's reply to the Russian's attack on Wednesday on the Atlantic Alliance.

Mr. McNeill was the first of the delegates from the three big Western powers to reply. Applause rang through the Assembly hall when Mr. McNeill finished. The Russian bloc sat silent.

Mr. Gromyko started the scrap in the midst of a debate on the veto and on international co-operation. He said the Pact is an aggressive weapon against the Soviet Union. Mr. McNeill said this charge is absurd. He insisted the agreement is defensive. He said the only people who regret or fear it are those who contemplate aggression.

But the main point of Mr. McNeill's speech was his challenge to M. Gromyko to make a complaint in the UN.

Absurd Charge

Mr. McNeill said that instead of such orderly procedure, the Russians have resorted to their usual tactics of firing propaganda blasts when pushed into an illogical or a tight corner.

Mr. McNeill said if Mr. Gromyko has a complaint he could find redress within the instrument of the United Nations.

"I, for one, do not expect such a straightforward procedure," Mr. McNeill said. He recalled that M. Gromyko had complained that the Pact powers sought to set up military and air bases in countries adjacent to

Russia for an attack upon the Soviet Union.

"This, of course, is not so and Mr. Gromyko knows that it is not so," Mr. McNeill said. "The text of the Pact does not prohibit such bases, nor are there, in this treaty to which we are partners, any secret agreements, any appendices, any protocols."

Czech Attack

Dr. Adolf Hol Meister, Czechoslovak Ambassador to France, continued the attack on the Atlantic Pact just before Mr. McNeill spoke. He denied Russia has aggressive designs on any country. He said the Atlantic Alliance violates the UN charter.

He said the aims set up "are a warning to this Assembly not to permit the principle of veto unanimity to be undermined, thus disrupting world peace, as they are being undermined by the Atlantic Pact."

A delegate from the Soviet bloc who would not be identified said the Russians have not decided whether to present formal charges in the shape of a resolution. He said the future course depended on the atmosphere growing out of the debate launched by M. Gromyko.—Associated Press.

White Cross For Ex-Miner

London, April 16.

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, leading British organisation for animal welfare, today awarded its highest decoration, the White Cross of St. Giles, to an ex-miner for rescuing a dog from a disused mine.

Mining students at Camborne, Cornwall, last month heard a dog barking at the bottom of the disused mine shaft, 100 feet below the surface.

They heard the animal's cry and it was decided to lower poisoned meat to destroy it. A rescue attempt was considered too hazardous.

The ex-miner, Mr. A.J. Knowles, of Redruth, Cornwall, volunteered to be lowered down the shaft, risking possible falls of rock and timber. He had the dog raised to safety.—Reuter.

Gracie Mobbed At Waterloo

London, April 15.

The film and stage star, Gracie Fields, was "mobbed" at Waterloo Station when she arrived tonight on the Mauretania boat train.

Holidaymakers crowded around and cameramen trying to take pictures were elbowed and pushed aside. It took six policemen and two inspectors 20 minutes to get Miss Fields into her car.

Miss Fields will do a provincial tour in Britain and appear for a week at a London theatre from May 15 for a guaranteed minimum salary of £5,500.—Reuter.

Another Quake In America

Seattle, April 15.

An apparently minor earthquake jarred Eastern Washington yesterday almost exactly 24 hours after Wednesday's severe jolt which left eight dead and more than 60 injured.

It centred in the Pullman area and did little more than rattle windows and set wall hangings dancing.

Damage estimates of Wednesday's tremor dropped as rubble was cleared. Governor Arthur B. Langlie said the damage would run between US\$2,000,000 and US\$10,000,000, probably around US\$6,000,000.

Residents of the Pacific North West today cleared the wreckage-strewn city streets after the region's worst earthquake, while experts warned that more tremors could follow the shock.

City workmen joined with volunteers and Red Cross crews in the main cities to clear away rubble left by the shock.

The fire chief, William Fitzgerald, said a preliminary estimate showed \$2,000,000 structural damage to 43 downtown office buildings in Seattle and other officials said damage to water mains and facilities might double the figure.—Associated Press.

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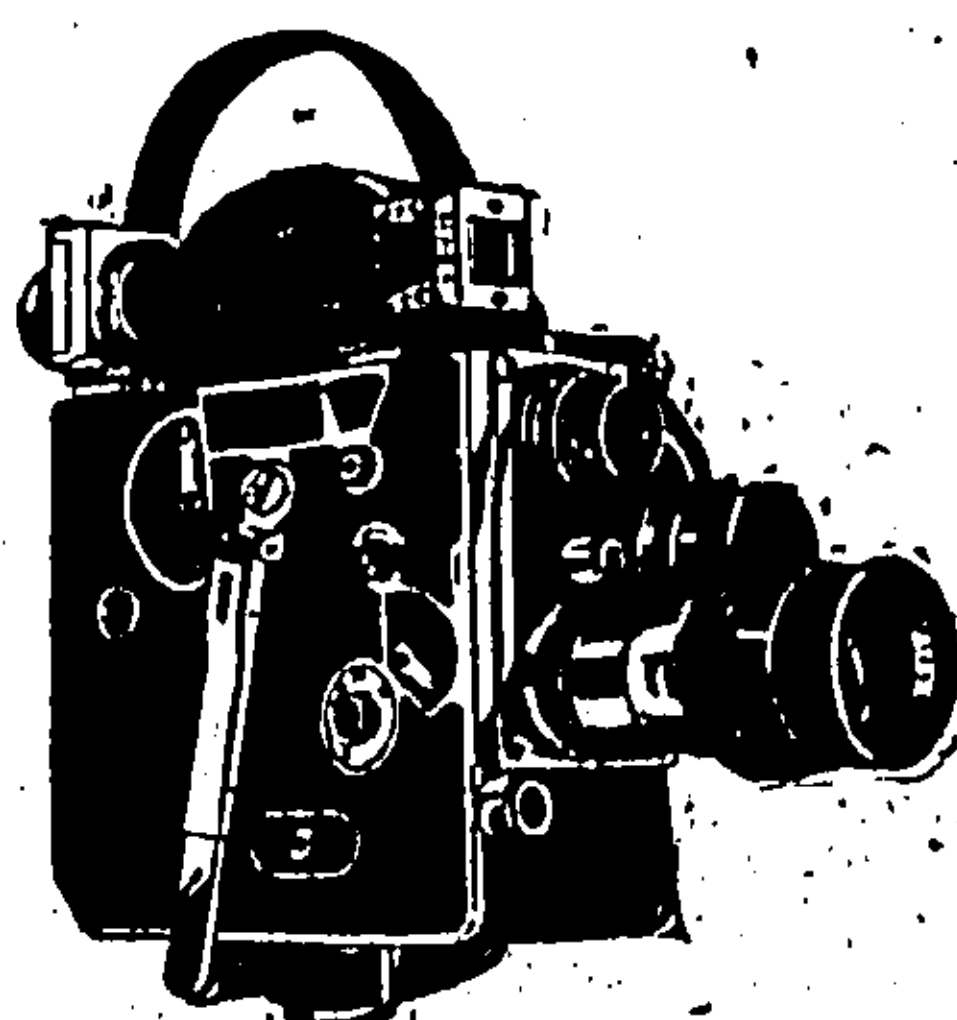
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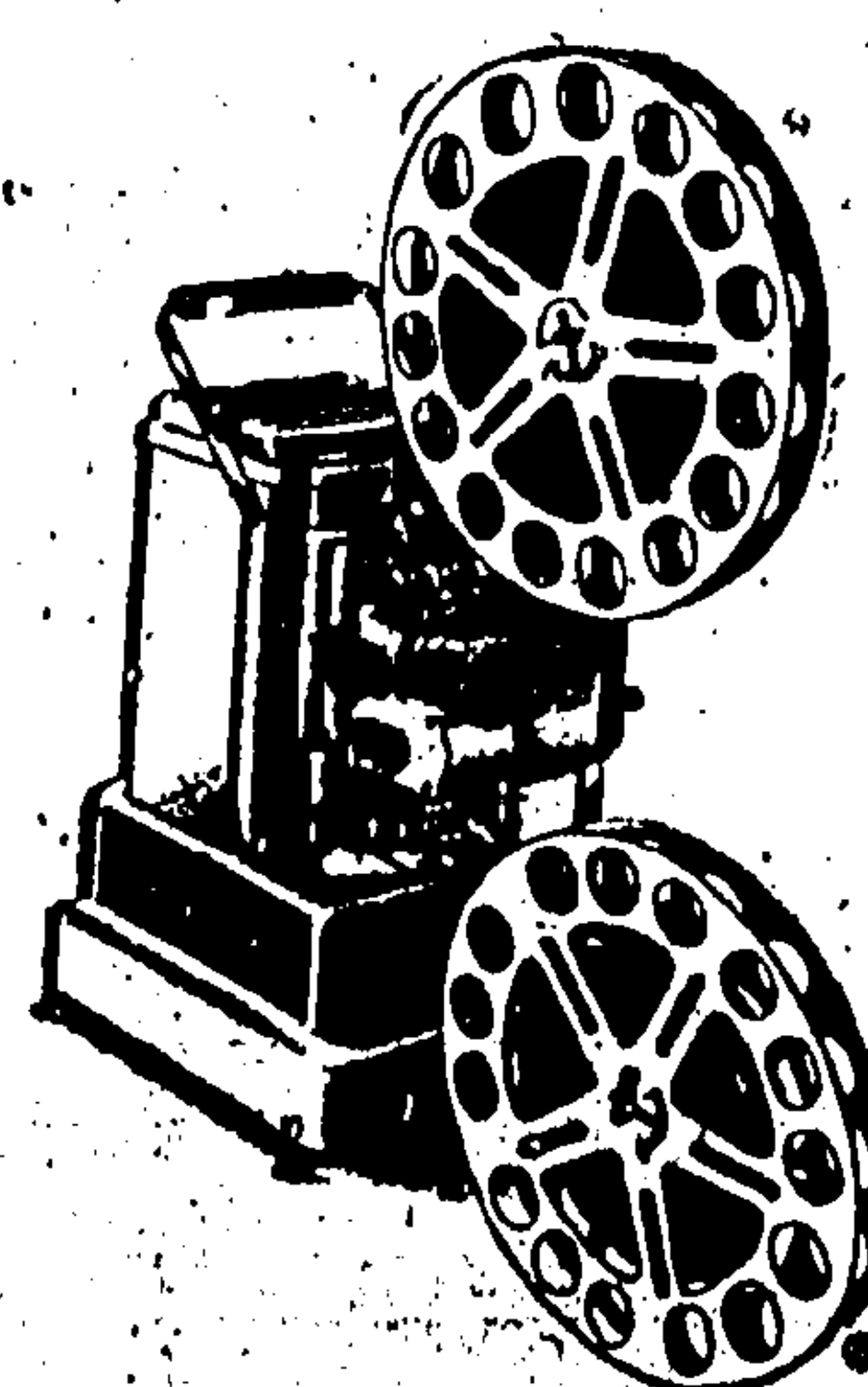
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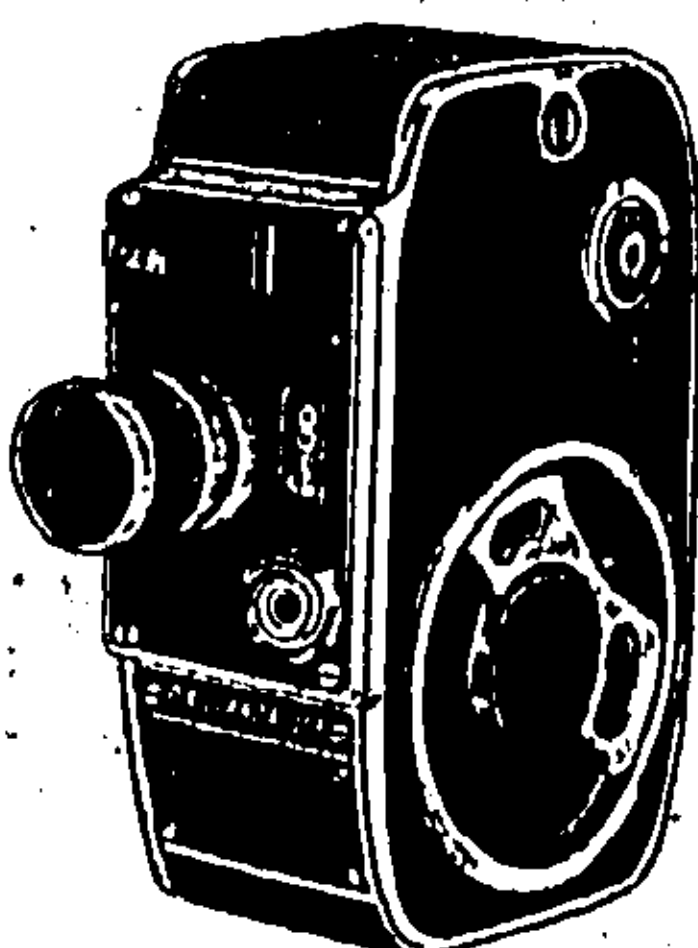
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Barons Of Beef Are Out To Get Me

By
PAUL GALLICO

Shortly before I left the United States there was evidence that Argentina was facing a grave financial crisis and that the entire economic structure of the country might come crashing down.

At that time I was writing a syndicated column of comment published in more than a 100 newspapers, throughout the United States, and at once penned an article saying that it seemed to me that this impending disaster couldn't happen to a more deserving outfit than Juan Peron and Company, and that I could hardly wait for it to occur.

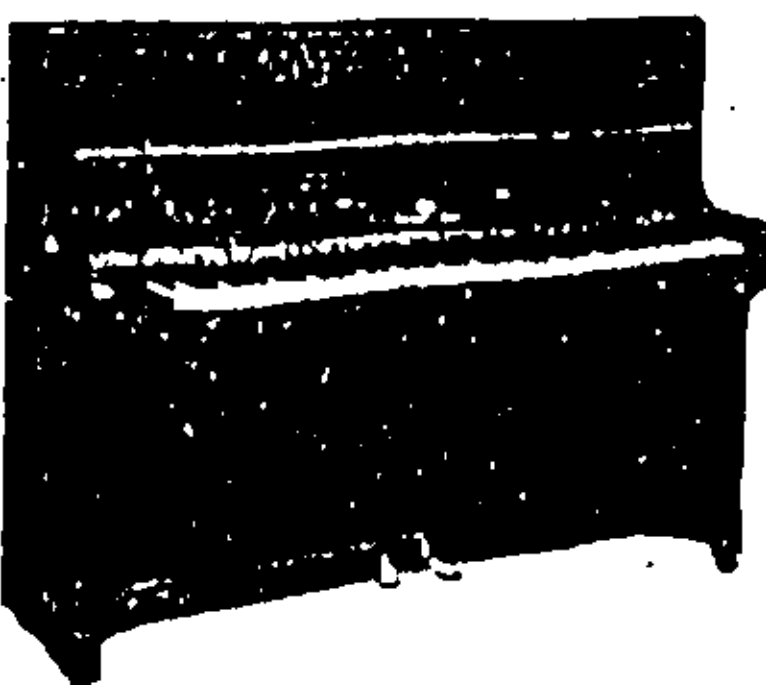
These observations were based upon the fact that the Argentines, who, in case you hadn't heard, are known as "Prossians of South America," had been attempting to enrich themselves upon the misfortunes and miseries of others.

Their lack of the price of wheat during the world wheat crisis was, of course, the case in point.

Taking Sides

Now that I have had a sample view of the eight pennyworth of meat which is expected to sustain a British working man, and incidentally myself along with it, I must say that whatever punishment is to be meted out to Argentina and its rulers, and the people who support these rulers, I am doubly for it, and speed the day.

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Only since this one directly affects me I find I can work up a much greater head of steam over it than where wheat was concerned, and really boil up some indignation.

This latest breach of contract and price doubling by the butcher shop of the Western hemisphere, as I feel, directly at Gallico. They are out to get me by slow starvation.



Too and too-hard to make the South American day

And yet doesn't it seem a little odd that while all through the war, the Nazi-Fascist Axis was unable to starve out Britain by submarine and aerial blockade, an Argentine Fascist Government should be attempting the same thing in peace time?

Pleasing Peron

If the screws can be put to the British people and more money wrung from them to pay for desperately needed meat with changing results to disastrously balanced British economy, it would seem to this American no stranger to the Fascist mind, that it must please:

(1) The Argentine meat grower and packer whose costs have been driven sky-high by the Peron policies.

(2) The Argentine Army, which, German-trained, was violently pro-Nazi all during the war.

(3) The elements of the Argentine Government who gave much comfort and aid to the Nazis until forced to enter the war on the side of the allies in the last moment and who have never forgiven the United States for the British for that.

(4) The present Peron Government which in the United States has long been recognised as Fascist and totalitarian and which therefore must fear and hate a Democratic and particularly a Socialist Government.

And, finally, it is probably causing no pain whatsoever to Mme. Peron, who was not exactly made welcome to the British Isles at the time of her proposed visit there. Hell hath no fury etc. etc.

The good Colonel, you know, has been applying a bit of diplomatic blackmail to us, too. At the war's end the dictatorship of Peron was not exactly popular in the United States which had just fought to end that kind of thing.

Also, because of Argentine hospitality to Nazi agents, many Americans lost their lives in the South Atlantic on information furnished, the U-boats from Argentina.

We had helped to eradicate totalitarianism in Europe only to find it taking root directly to the South of us and in the biggest and strongest of the South American countries.

We jumped Dictators. Franco and Peron is a pair of the same breed and gave them the cold shoulder. But that was before Russian transgression changed the world aspect.

All of a sudden the attitude towards Peron changed in Washington. Our anti-Peron ambassador was withdrawn. The State Department altered its tone. Why? Peron was threatening to get chummy with the Russians. And the Communists were already infiltrating into Central and South America.

We could not afford to have Peron play the same game with Stalin that he had played with Hitler. And so WE bought him off.

Similar Tastes

Somewhere in our Government was alert to the fact that the greatest danger the world faces is an alliance between Communists and Fascists.

They are the only ones who know how to get along, since their methods are the same. Look behind the Iron Curtain and you will find all of the top officials in Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, etc., are ex-Nazis who know how to operate the Police State.

The internal workings of Argentine politics would appear to be of small concern to the Englishman hungry for a bit of fresh beef, and yet, in effect, Peron and company are applying the vacuum cleaner to British pockets to pay for the last election which he practically had to buy from the workers. It's a crazy world, isn't it?

The American isolationists and Communists yelp that Marshall Plan money from the pockets of the American taxpayer is being used to maintain your Socialist experiment.

And the Argentines are trying to force the British who live under a Labour Government, in a functioning representative Democracy, to come to the rescue of a repressive totalitarian tyranny by bailing it out of near bankruptcy in order to get enough meat to keep body and soul together.

Cold Meat War

This then is an idea of the squeeze being worked on you as it looks to an American. There is a little Cold War going on between you and the Argentines. Food has always been a weapon in wars, hot or cold.

You would appear to be faced

BEHIND THE POLITICAL SCENE

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Once again Mr. Churchill has given the world one of his sweeping reviews of the great issues confronting mankind. He is a master of the broad analysis.

The essential facts upon which he supports his themes are rare, new, but from time to time they must be taken out of isolation and given their proper stress in order that the record may be brought up to date.

This is an important function of political leadership and one which our present Socialist rulers have unfortunately shown themselves to be quite incapable of discharging. Mr. Bevin's speeches on foreign affairs too often leave his audience hopelessly befogged.

Mr. Attlee, though more coherent, is too modest to pick on a theme larger than himself. Mr. Truman has less modesty but also less eloquence. Thus it is still Mr. Churchill who commands the greatest attention from the English-speaking world and from the peoples of the many countries who now cluster round that world in close alliance.

Taft's Influence

There is no need to be concerned with Senator Langer's view of Mr. Churchill as "a dangerous foreign agent" who should presumably have been detained on Ellis Island nor need anyone worry overmuch at the interventions of Senator Hickenlooper, whose name conjures up such a delightfully vivid picture of Groucho Marx at large on Capitol Hill. But the hesitations of Mr. Taft might easily cause more serious repercussions.

The influence of this able man is great. And the leisurely pace at which his mind, principally concerned with domestic economic and industrial issues, turns to international affairs may hold up the progress of the administration.

Mr. Taft has moved from isolationism (indeed he approves of the Pact in principle), but cautiously, and he has refused to stifle upon the world scene with the opinion of a whole-hearted convert like Mr. Vandenberg.

He does not sufficiently appreciate how closely interlocked are E.C.A., the Pact and the arms aid which, in the form of a new lend-lease system, will have to implement the Pact.

It would be dangerous, if not fatal, to weaken any one of these three component parts. And certainly always thought Mr. Taft too intelligent a man to be taken in by Mr. Mayhew's complacent idiocies, and to believe at this stage that Britain is "doing too well."

Meanwhile, it is being made sufficiently clear that the Pact does nothing to imperil the purpose of the United Nations, frustrated only by Russian designs, Mr. Bohlen convincingly explained this at Lake Success and it

with the choice of giving in, in order to get the meat, always remembering that with the increased prices (Argentina is demanding double both on the new contract as well as on what remains of the old one on which the nation is winking) you won't actually be getting more, you will just be getting some, or pulling your belt tighter and deciding that you will not knuckle under to these greedy, unpleasant, arrogant people who hate you for having fought for freedom and won.

They say they can get their price elsewhere for their meat. Oh yeah? Where? Hang on, Britons, and lemme hang with you. They can't do that to US!

was equally stressed by Mr. Bevin on his arrival in America. The latter should be both mollified and rebuked at the same time by Mr. Churchill's typically magnanimous references to him. "There is credit enough for all," said Mr. Churchill. The greater includes the lesser.

Mr. Churchill's survey of "this terrible 20th century" contained a passage which dealt with the tremendous advances in scientific knowledge and development which have marked its outset. "This vast expansion," he went on, "was unhappily not accompanied by any noticeable advance in the stature of man. Either in his mental faculties or in his moral character. His brain got no better, but it buzzed more."

Socialism, as well as science, has played its part here. Its materialism is particularly seductive to the half-educated. And now the levelling process is to be carried farther in education.

By ALASTAIR FORBES

In the Commons we heard how the State is to reach out its long arm in order to hold back the promising young. The lowering of standards in every field is or the increase. Yet the sweeping away of more and more "class distinctions," the debate of the left "class" and party hatreds more unpleasantly strong, even before, and his mere mention of a growing class of all minorities and individual rights.

Still, if the Government seek to kill enterprise and self-reliance, it is probably quite right to do it in the bud in the classrooms. In any case the pampering of inefficiency by the State seems now to be generally accepted. It would be considered shocking to hold the view that the State should for instance (whose affairs were under discussion in both Houses last week), may be in trouble of its own fault or that the quota system is a monstrous imposition on the public and exhibitor.

Chaotic Industry

Mr. Wilson's decision to raise the quota to the obviously unworkable figure of 45 per cent, last year was typical of his ham-handedness—where dollars are concerned.

Its reduction to 40 per cent, last week means nothing, since even last year so many exceptions were made that the figure worked out at scarcely more than 30 per cent.

It is not for me to wonder why the insurance companies and banks should want to entrust vast sums of money to a chaotic British film industry. But it can scarcely be the public interest if the same profligate waste is now to go on with money advanced by the Board of Trade.

It is bad enough that the big studios should embark on taste-

less slop after tasteless slop without the Government having to come in and sponsor it.

Sacking Directors

Besides the financiers, Mr. Wilson is also reported to have counselled economics, so the technicians get the sack while actors and actresses are retained at enormous salaries to wait for scripts to turn up or turn down. The pattern of Britain's education today is set less by Mr. Tomlinson than by Mr. Rank's dreadful "charm schools." The leading directors seem principally interested in starring their wives.

There is no need for a quota in order to ensure a showing for the excellent work of Sir Laurence Olivier or Mr. C. B. De Mille, and the only quota required to prevent the making and showing of such poor films as "The Bad Lord Byron," or the "Cardboard Cavalier" is a quota of national good taste, which is something no Government, least of all this one, can establish.

Perhaps Mr. Wilson's film panel might use its powers to lift the iron curtain placed by the exhibitors between the public and enterprising producers such as Miss Jill Crangle. In the meantime it is difficult to listen with patience to the pleas of an industry which can only blame itself for being so "rank, stale, and unprofitable."

A Good Speaker

The death of Lord Ullswater voked many memories for older Parliamentarians as well as for those of us who knew of his life only at secondhand or from the books of which his own recollections were a fascinating part.

He was, I suppose, the greatest Speaker of the century, which is to say much, since the office of Speaker is, perhaps, one of the most important and certainly most complicated in the whole delicate fabric of our Constitutional monarchy, and Parliamentary democracy.

It has been said that it is the British custom to select a "mediocrity" from the back benches for this great post, and to trust that the dignity of his office will be sufficient to confer upon him stature, authority, and personality. This cannot invariably be the case.

Mr. Speaker Lowther in fact possessed all the requisite qualities before he was dragged from silence and relative obscurity to the Chair. He was a man of great presence with a fine, resonant voice which would have instilled respect even if his character and demeanour had not already done so.

He was a Tory who found himself presiding over a House dominated by the other party, yet his fairness was absolute, being attained without leaning over backwards.

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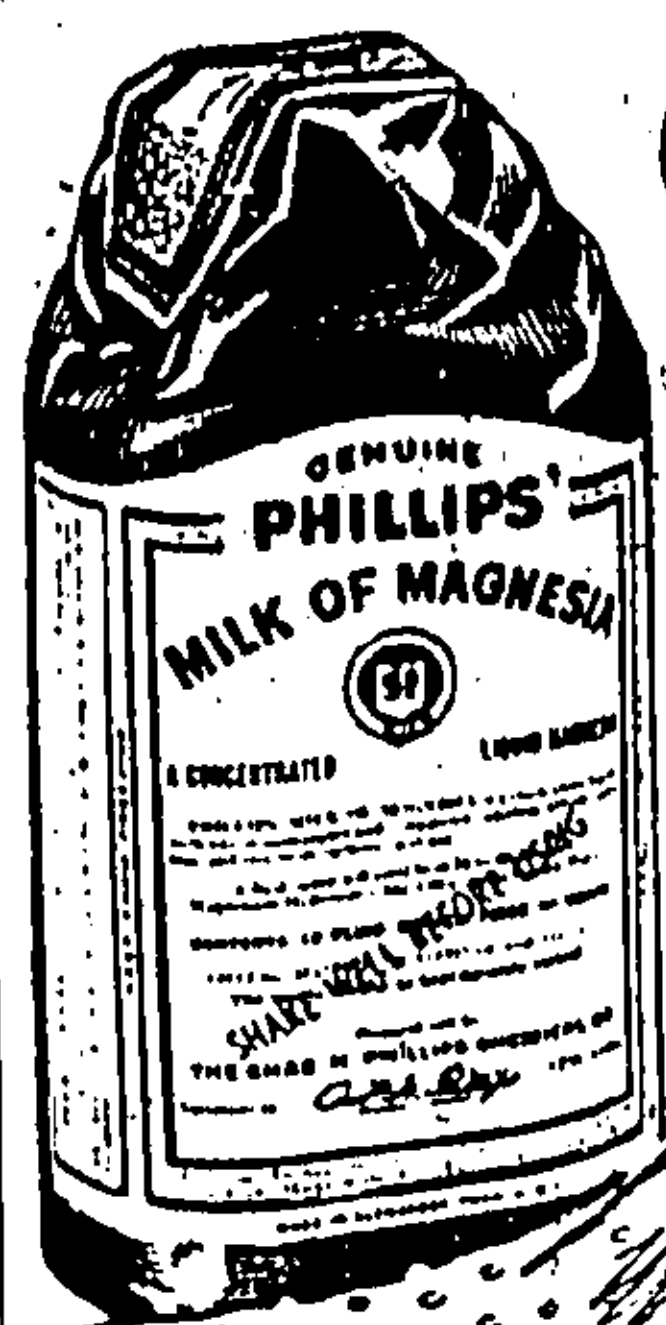
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I remember walking up and down a country road with Anthony St. George one morning in September 14 years ago while he was waiting to appear before Chertsey Petty Sessions. It felt rather like taking a stroll with one's rich uncle.

He was dressed beautifully, in grey suit and silk tie, with shoes exquisitely polished. He wore grey dress gloves, and I practically pleaded with him to explain to me why he did not wear those gloves when he went burgling.

"If only," I said lightly, "to make it more fun catching you."

Anthony St. George permitted himself an austere polite smile and flicked his cigar ash at the highway.

"Possibly," he said, "because—by the same token—it is more fun for me."

As far as it is decently possible for a policeman to be fond of a burglar, I had a minute or two to spare for Anthony. He never used anything to vulgar his violence, yet did he give the least trouble when he was arrested.

Once, burgling the bedroom of a country mansion at Ascot, he made a slight noise that caused a quavering old chambermaid from her lavender-scented pillows. She flicked on the bedside light, and saw him standing there with her jewel box.

"Oh, dear, what are you going to do?" she gasped.

Anthony St. George bowed suavely as he returned the tiny jewel box to its dressing-table drawer.

"I am going to wish you a good night, my lady," he said, and was out of the room like a wraith.

Once Mr. Justice Riggby Swift, sentencing Anthony to five years' penal servitude, said: "Nobody

who has listened to you in court could doubt that you are an extremely clever man. You are a professional burglar and a sort of 'fiddler of the fiddle'."

This reference was to Anthony St. George's houseboat on the River Wey, near Woking. For he never troubled to plunge into the flames in search of dishonest dealers to buy his stolen treasures.

The Host On The Houseboat

Anthony, with a wave of his cigar, would casually invite some unwitting West End bullion dealer to a week-end on his houseboat. Just as casually he would then sell his guest an old-encrusted snuffbox or a set of diamond evening studs while the dealer's cheeks tinged equally from a bath in the clear river and a glass of Anthony's impeccable brandy.

Clever burglar Anthony undoubtedly was. But for all the good it ever did him he might as well have been a blundering clumsy one.

A thief like Anthony St. George, whose sensitive hands acted as his eyes in the darkness of somebody else's house, could not help leaving fingerprints.

At one time, whenever we of the Yard's Fingerprint Department read of a country mansion burglary, somebody would say jokingly: "Get out the St. George fingerprint card. They'll be sending for it!"

That day, or the next, some body usually did.

As we waited for the call to the little court room that would send him off along the trail to yet another five years behind an

iron door, Anthony gossiped amiably enough.

"Only once in my life did I go thieving with a partner," he said. "I shall never do it again."

It Started In Chelsea

It had started while he was tasting a dry sherry in a licensed hotel at Chelsea. He had recently been released from prison. In his pocket was a wad of money—the proceeds of a burglary for which he had not yet caught up on him.

A burglar whom he had met "inside" at Wandsworth approached respectfully to mention there was a country house just outside London with some gold plate locked merely in a wooden cupboard.

"But you must let me come with you, Mr. St. George," said the informant. So Anthony got out his old Ford V8 saloon and they went to look at the house. It seemed easy. Two nights later they met to tackle the burglary.

"I decided I was not going into the house with a clumsy fellow who had fingers like bananas," Anthony told me. "I persuaded him to wait by the car while I climbed the tall, wrought-iron gates."

A gravel drive led to the house, and thoughtfully, Anthony stepped on to the green lawn that would deaden his footfall.

His ankle tugged a wire. He stumbled—and struck another wire. Alarm-bells shrilled.

One of the wires must have been fixed to some kind of alarm-circuit, and that went off under his foot, causing him to rush into further wires.

Sirens Wail

Bells were ringing, sirens wailing, dogs were barking, and the entire house lit up. From the scullery, a maid in a nightgown rushed out, her face white with shock, to find the burglar in the hall with shot-gun pellets.

"When I struggled to the gate my so-called partner had fled," St. George recalled. "I feared he had taken the car, but he was in such a panic he had scamped right past it and disappeared."

So Anthony St. George burgled on alone.

In six months of 1932 he robbed 29 of England's stuteliest country mansions. He robbed lords and ladies, the Speaker of the House of Commons, Earl Beaulieu, J. Arthur Rank, and even the King of Siam, from whose residence he stole a jewelled and gold-inlaid sword handle, a pink and gold dagger scabbard, a pair of gold scissors, gold thimbles, gold mounts from ivory walking sticks—and his burglar kit on that occasion was a spanner he had stolen from a nearby sand-pit.

Yet I cannot help thinking that although Judge Sturgess described him as a bold and courageous man whose burglaries required a great deal of nerve and skill, the true life of Anthony St. George was more pitiful than romantic.

His real name was Artie Hazel and he was born at Senforth, Liverpool, in 1904. When he was 14 he picked up an apple from a stall in the market. He had the farthing payment in his hand, but the stall holder, seeing him, shouted: "Stop, thief!" Young Hazel bolted but was caught.

Although we had been informed in Hong Kong that no visas or passes were required for round-trip passengers, an American sentry posted at the gangway demanded passes from all who wished to go on or off the ship.

It would seem that visitors to Japan can obtain passes only if allied nations. In Japan, visas for them. On regular passenger ships the agents of the companies concerned automatically submit the names of all passengers and also arrange for the exchange of local currency and vice versa.

Our ship was mainly a cargo boat and the shipping company's agent did not display any interest in the passengers. On being asked he eventually declared that he had no authority to vouch for passengers. A certain amount of Japanese Yen was allocated to the ship for shore expenses but the Captain of the ship declared that the money was for the benefit of the crew only and that passengers were not his concern.

September. Result: five years' penal servitude.

1937: Free less than two months—during which there was a further outbreak of country-house robberies. On September 10 of that year, I found his fingerprints on a desk drawer in Park Hill, Sunningdale; next day Detective-Sergeant Arthur Vessey, of the Flying Squad, arrested Anthony at a roadhouse on the Great West Road at Hounslow.

Asked if he had anything to say before sentence, the greatest burglar of them all bowed his head and, almost in a whisper, pleaded: "Am I so bad I cannot repent, I ask you to give me a chance and to extend now the hand of mercy and friendship towards me."

From the bench came the retort: "You are a plausible rogue—four years' penal servitude."

But we of the police—felt that perhaps Anthony had absorbed enough punishment. So a plot was hatched... and when in 1940 he came blinking into the cold street, trying to shake from his trousers the horizontal creases caused when they lay folded on a shelf for four years, a detective was waiting.

The news was broken to Anthony that his friends had found a job for him.

"What sort of a job?" he asked suspiciously. He was told, and his sense of humour, nearly dead after so many years of gazing at blank walls, crept back. His mouth twitched. "Night watchman, eh?" he echoed. "That's a good 'un."

The Old Night Watchman

Anthony was a sport. He took the job, after an elaborately casual warning that if ever he failed to turn up for his night duty his pals of the police would visit lodgings to see if he was in good health.

So, each night thereafter, the stately homes of England slept tranquilly under the moon.

For Anthony, like some awful old moth, was caught inescapably by the glowing embers of a watchman's brazier.

He never burgled again, and died in 1945.

Road House Arrest

1923: Six months for stealing insurance money.

1924: From March to September he lived in good-class hotels on the South Coast, frequented West-End clubs, lorded it in his river houseboat, committed a series of nerve-wrecking burglaries from country mansions.

1924-1928: Five years' penal servitude.

1929: As convict on licence, worked as a casual clerk. Then committed 10 cases of daring house-breaking. The same year imprisoned for three years.

1932: Free from March 1 to August, which time he spent committing 29 robberies with a skill and bravado that made even the underworld gasp. Arrested in

H.K. MAN VISITS OCCUPIED JAPAN

(Editor's Note:—A Hong Kong resident, who has just returned from a three week round-trip to Japan here gives his impressions of that country. He stresses the fact that his impressions are those of one who has travelled as an individual and not as a member of a conducted tour.)

There were on board two round-trip and two transit passengers and we could neither go ashore without passes nor obtain passes unless we could contact someone ashore to vouch for us. And, even if we were successful, we would not be permitted to take any money ashore to exchange for local currency and vice versa. could not obtain foreign money unless we took foreign money ashore.

(Actually on receipt of a Pass one must sign a declaration to the effect that no foreign currency or Japanese Yen bought abroad will be taken ashore.)

This position was especially unfortunate in the case of the two transit passengers from Singapore who had to catch a vessel bound for the U.S. and, owing to the delay of our ship, had to go to Yokohama by rail. It took them 38 hours to get the Travel Agency in Kobe know of their plight.

Just in time, with only half an hour to spare, they were vouchered for by the Agency and were put on the train for Yokohama.

The other difficulty in that passes obtained in Kobe are not valid in Nagoya or Yokohama or even in Kobe on return.

As it is most unlikely that visitors have friends or acquaintances in every port to vouch for them, prospective visitors to Japan would be well advised not to embark on this voyage before they ascertain that the agents of the ship they are travelling on are prepared to vouch for them and also to arrange for the exchange of their currency into local currencies.

Currency Problems

The currency question is very complicated: there is the Japanese Yen (¥170 to US\$1.00) and there are occupation money. Called scrips which are of three varieties—British, American and commercial (for tourists and traders).

All these different scrips are valid only at appropriate hotels, restaurants and clubs and can be obtained only through official quarters by registered persons. Without these scrips it is absolutely impossible to obtain any meal or refreshment which is safe for consumption.

We arrived in Tokyo only with Japanese Yen (which we were forced to procure on the black market) but after three hours search we were unable to find any place which would accept those Yen as payment for food.

Of course there were a few fourth rate beer halls on the Ginza where some food could be obtained and paid for in Yen but these institutions are not considered safe and are mostly "Off Limits" to Allied troops.

There is in Tokyo only one place, the "Hotel Marunouchi," where British scrips are accepted and we landed there finally and borrowed some "scrips" from an Indian merchant.

Therefore prospective visitors to Japan are warned of the necessity of acquiring scrips if they intend to take meals or refreshments ashore.

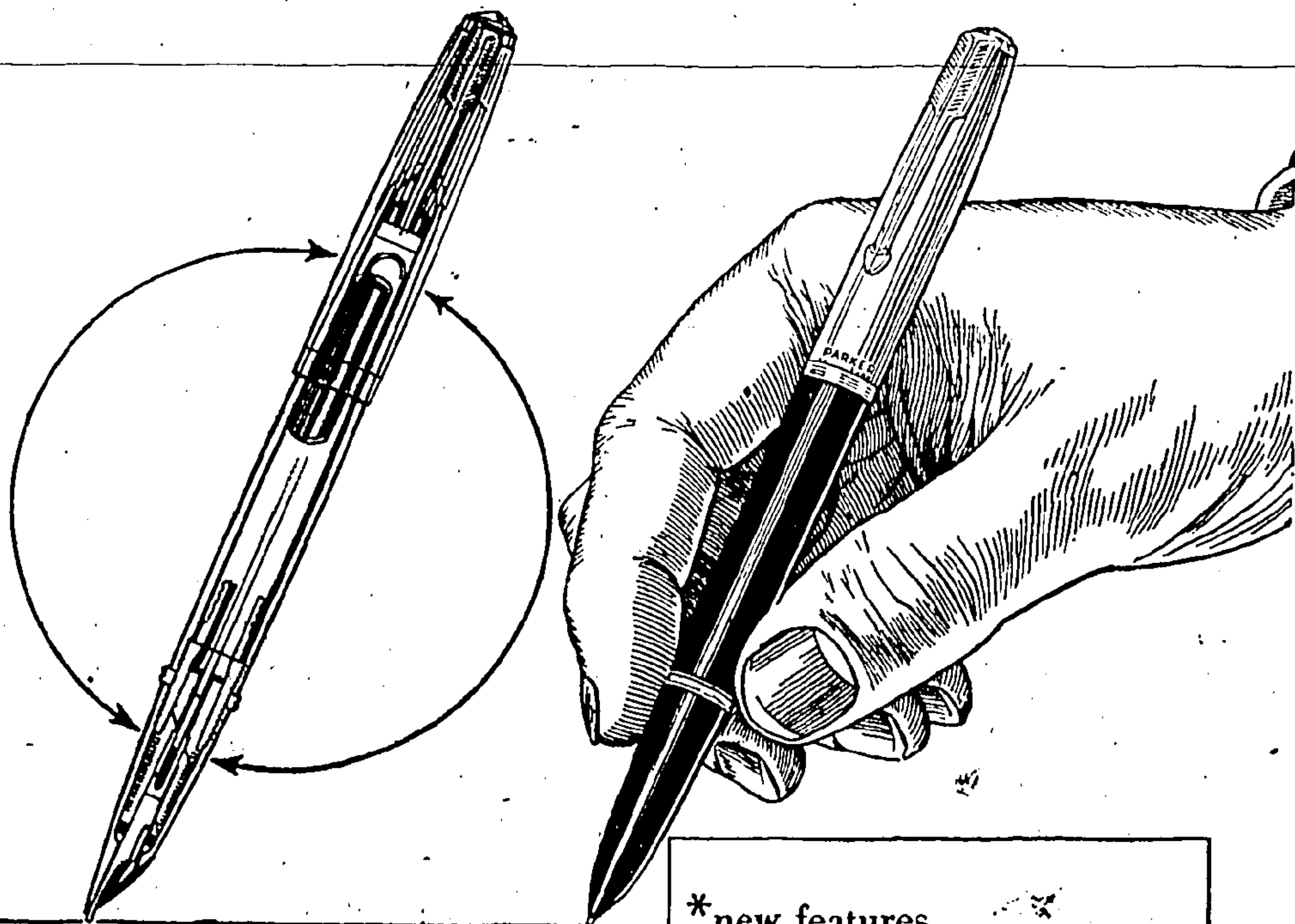
Travelling in Japan was at that time, free not only for U.S. personnel and their dependents but also for other members of Allied nations. The latter are classified as "foreign nationals" by SCAP. There are special buses and "GI" coaches on trains; however from April 1 this privilege to "foreign nationals" has been withdrawn and now they have to travel in buses and trains used by Japanese.

War Damage In Japan

Kobe was badly bombed and approximately 80 per cent of the houses in the business centre was destroyed. At present many houses have been rebuilt and their "utility" structure can be easily recognised.

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'AMERICA MUST ACT QUICKLY IN EAST'

AMERICAN NORWAY MISSION

Moscow, April 16. The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" today published a report by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, that the American transport delegation which arrived in Norway in March has the task of studying the establishment of military, naval and air bases in Norway. Tass gave as the source of its message the Finnish newspaper "Suomen Tyokas" (Communist) and "Vapaa Sana" (Popular Democrat), which published a despatch from the Oslo correspondent of the Finnish Democratic Press Bureau.

This correspondent claimed his information came from Washington. The "Pravda" report said: "The delegation will also acquaint itself with the conditions of Norway's transport, which the Americans intend to adjust to the needs of the United States military forces."

PAUL REYNAUD IN AMERICA

New York, April 15. M. Paul Reynaud, wartime Prime Minister of France, arrived here by air from Paris today on his first visit to the United States since 1936. He will address a dinner of the International Chamber of Commerce on April 27.

A reception in his honour has been planned at the City Hall on Monday.

M. Reynaud believes the Atlantic Pact is a measure for peace, adding: "If the Western countries are properly armed, there is no doubt that it would be a guarantee against an attack."

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"Even in the face of Russian expansion into Manchuria, and Chinese Communist expansion in China proper, we refused to follow the line of military expediency—support of any kind of anti-Communist regime—and let a Government which refused to reform to suffer the consequences."

Rallying Cry

"We led the way in giving up the unequal treaties with China and forcing upon an unwilling Russia recognition of China as a wartime ally. Our record in the Philippines is on balance to our credit. We have every right to use the good old rallying cry of freedom in the face of the new tyranny that is creeping over China."

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HIGH COST OF THE COLD WAR

Washington, April 16. It may cost the United States more than \$300,000,000 to bolster Greece and Turkey against Russia's cold war tactics during the coming year.

The Truman Doctrine programme, which cost \$275,000,000 in these two countries during the fiscal year 1949, is to be maintained at the same level next year.

However, because of higher prices and exhaustion of U.S. war surplus stocks abroad, it will take a higher appropriation to keep the programme at its present level.—United Press.

PEER'S ESTATE

London, April 16. Lord Woodbridge, a former vice-chairman of the British-American Tobacco Company, who died on February 2, left £1,361,976 it was disclosed when his will was published today.

The duty paid on his fortune was £226,153. Lord Woodbridge, before he received his Barony in 1932, was Mr. Arthur Charles Churchman. He was formerly a partner in the tobacco firm of W. A. & A. C. Churchman.—Reuter.

NEW BARON

London, April 16. Tonight's London Gazette announced that Sir Gordon MacDonald, formerly Governor of Newfoundland recently awarded a Barony, has chosen the title of Baron MacDonald of Gwensygor, in the County of Flint.—Reuter.

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India To Stay In The Commonwealth

New Delhi, April 16. India will stay in the British Commonwealth of Nations and recognize King George as the Commonwealth's leader, highly reliable sources reported today.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, is to explain India's stand at the meeting of the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers in London after Easter.

Diplomatic quarters in London report that India's status in the Commonwealth will be the most important topic the meeting will discuss.—United Press.

UN Ruling On Veto Question

Flushing Meadows, April 15. The United Nations, by an overwhelming majority, decided last night that the veto should only be used in exceptional cases.

The General Assembly, after an exhaustive debate, which ranged over all subjects, including the Atlantic Pact, ruled that the great powers should confine their use of the veto to certain items of paramount importance.

The Assembly approved the resolution on this vote by a vote of 42 to six, all the negatives coming from the Soviet bloc. India and Burma did not vote.

The resolution, proposed by Britain, the United States, France and China, asked for moderation in the use of the veto and advance consultation among the big five before major Council decisions.

The proposal urged the dilution of the veto power before it cripples the Council, while the Soviet bloc insisted that the veto is the cornerstone of the organization.

In view of the flat Soviet rejection of the plan supporters of the resolution conceded that even if approved by the Assembly, it would have no concrete result in the Security Council.

The Assembly then adjourned for Easter.—Reuter.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN "FIRST"

Moscow, April 16. The "Red Fleet," organ of the Soviet Navy, today accused United States Navy historians of falsifying history in claiming that Americans first invented the underwater mine.

The "Red Fleet" also said it has been proved that a Russian peasant, Serf Yefim Nikonov, tested a mine in Kronstadt Harbour near St. Petersburg in 1807. In 1822 the Russian inventor, Schilling, first used electric current for the detonation of an underwater mine.

WOMEN ARE LESS RESPONSIVE, SAYS AMERICAN DOCTOR

Berkeley, California, April 16. With only a few hundred interviews to go before he publishes "The Sexual Behaviour of the Human Female," Dr. A. C. Kinsey disclosed that he has found most women less responsive to sex than men.

But, reported the author of the best-seller, "The Sexual Behaviour of the Human Male," women are more extreme in their responses than men.

"Some of the females we've interviewed are much more responsive than any males we've ever talked to," the University of Indiana professor said.

His staff of interviewers from the National Research Council have talked intimately to more than 7,000 women. Only 500 more interviews are planned before the female equivalent of his first book goes into production next Autumn. Besides some "astounding results" which Dr. Kinsey refuses to reveal until they are thoroughly cross-checked on a number of interviewing machines, the research indicates that women respond about two-thirds less than men to sex impulses. Girls with college education show the least response to marital sex life of any education group, he reported.

"Many of the female sexual responses are mild and subtle, while the males are very definite," the Professor of Zoology said.

Dr. Kinsey said he discovered that incapacity to complete the sex act is more important to men than to women.

Attitude Complex
"The importance of mutual response has grown during the past few years," he said. "This has disturbed women who do not respond."
"I hope one of the outcomes of this book will be to remove the disturbance by showing how and why they fail to respond."

RESURGENCE OF JAPAN

Shanghai, April 16. Mr. A. E. Gilbert, Executive Vice-President of the American International Underwriters Corporation of New York, today described as "amazing" the economic vitality which he saw in Japan, compared with Germany.

Mr. Gilbert, who arrived here by air from Tokyo today after a two-weeks visit to Japan, said that he was amazed to see the resurgence in the economic life of Japan.

Germany, which he visited in 1947, was "black, hopeless and grim" by comparison, he said.—Reuter.

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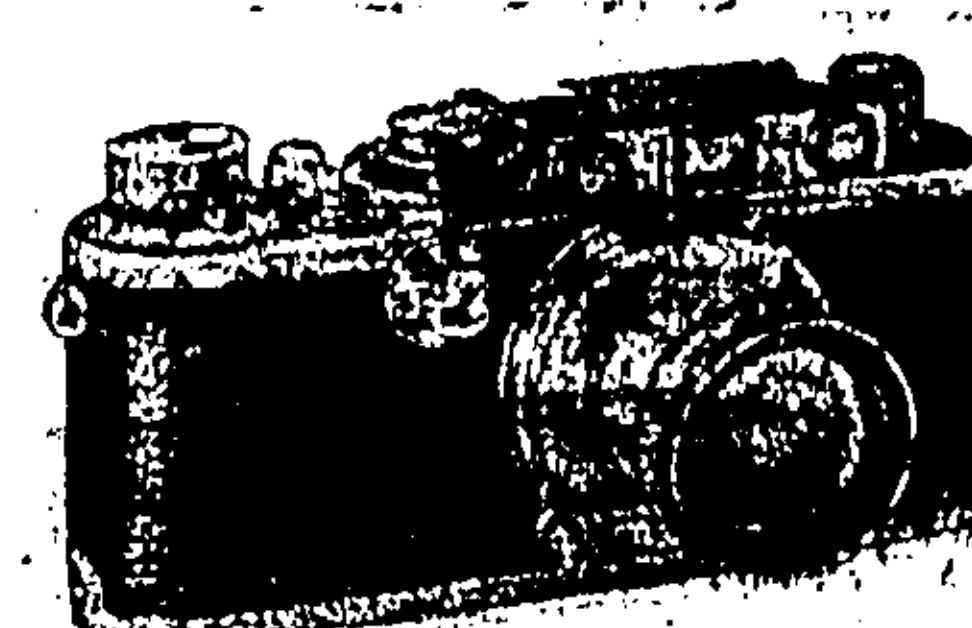
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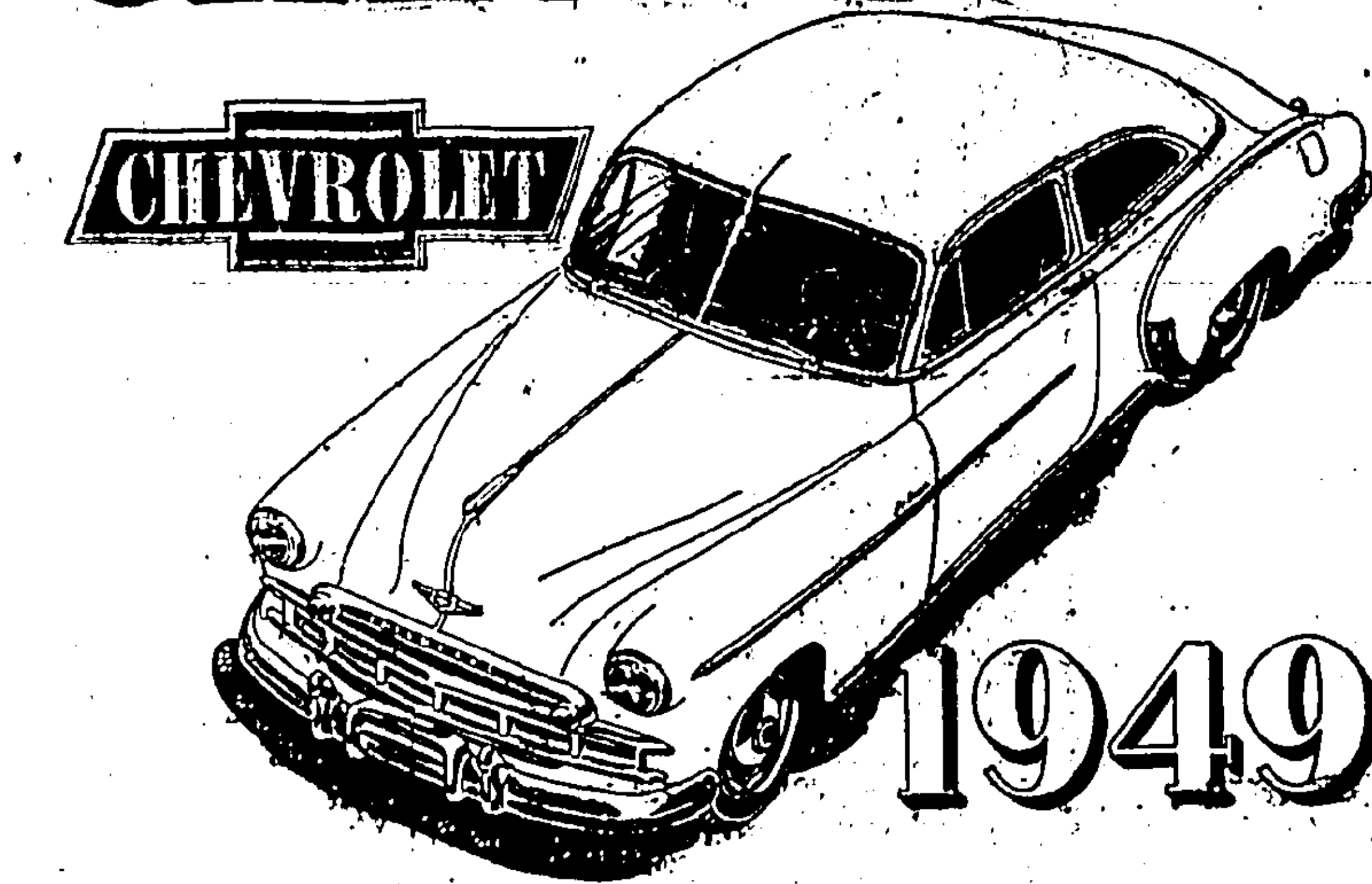
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Thinking Machines May Replace Humans

Cambridge, April 16. Thinking machines, so sensitive that they would be capable of having nervous breakdowns, may replace unskilled human assembly line workers within 20 years.

A Massachusetts Institute of Technology scientist said so today.

Dr. Norbert Wiener, semi-mechanistic authority, said the advent of such machines could come even sooner in the event of war that made their need imperative.

One of the world's outstanding mathematicians who was a college student at 12 and won the Doctorate of Philosophy at Harvard when he was 19, Dr. Wiener said the development of such a machine would not be essential to a bigger job than that done with radar in the last war.

One of the several thousand scientists working on servo-

mechanisms, Dr. Wiener is somewhat regretful of his part in such development.

He said in an interview: "I am unhappy about it and I have said so. It is a thing that may be very useful to a sane world but I can't say we are living in one."

He believes that such a machine will be dangerous socially and much too dangerous to use without government control or some severe self-imposed control.

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Southampton, April 16. One of the first swallows of spring reached England today—the first-class lounge of the liner Aquitania.

The bird flew into the lounge when the liner, homeward bound from Halifax, Nova Scotia, was approaching the English Channel.

Efforts to persuade it to leave were unsuccessful and it remained on board until the ship docked at Southampton.

The coming of the swallow, a British bird which winters in the warmth of North Africa, is traditionally regarded as marking the beginning of spring.—Reuter.

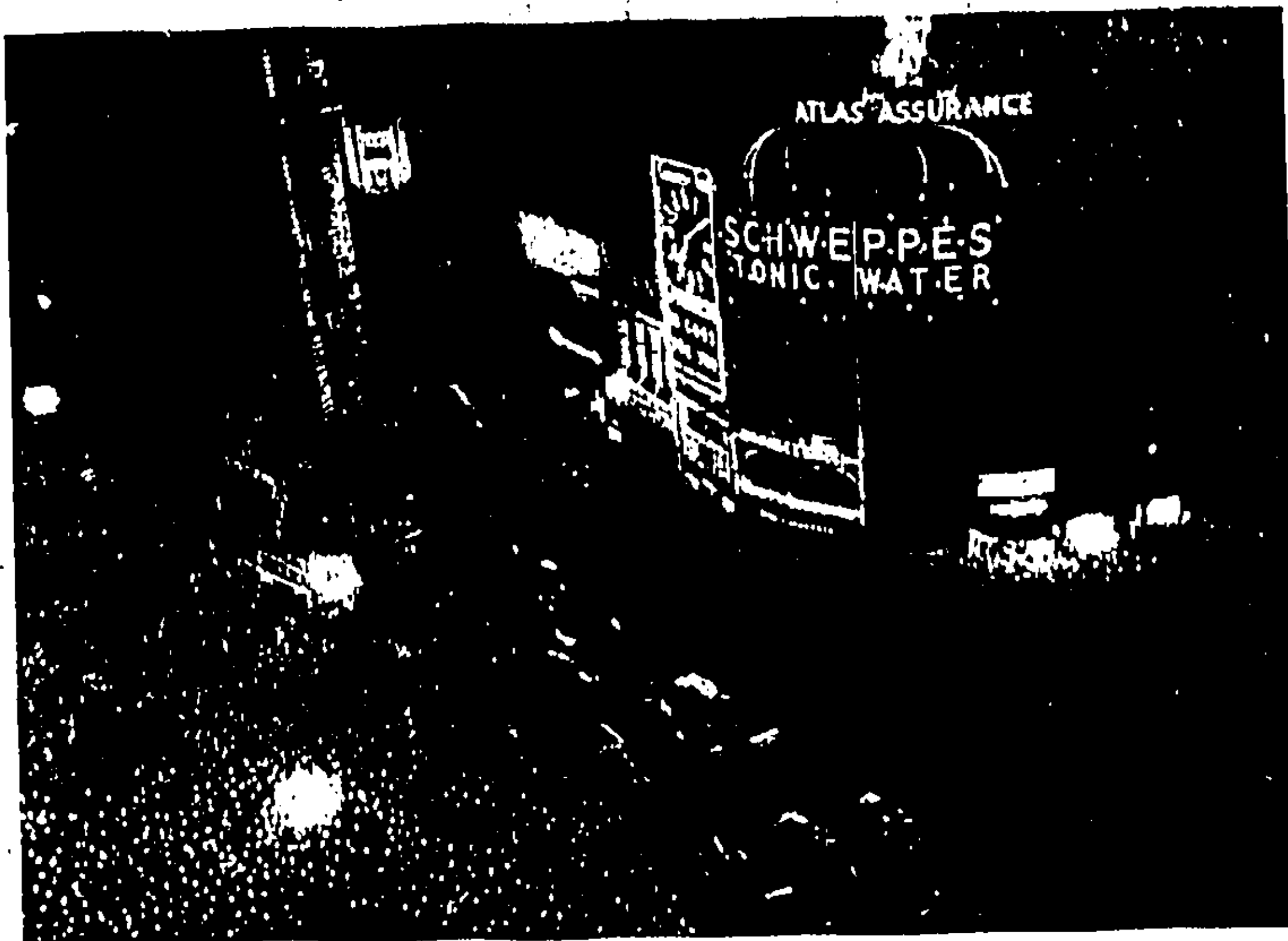
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LIGHTS OF LONDON BECKON AGAIN



By GEORGE EDINGER

With the coming of Summer Time London's 100,000 electric street lamps are shining in all their power again.

Floodlit shopfronts blaze on piles of goods (too dear for most to buy). Thirty generating stations spread over 50 boroughs and the City pour out the current that lights 257 square miles of Britain where 24,500 people live in every square mile.

And, like eddies in that great electric ocean, a few gaslit streets (mostly in Holborn, Westminster, and the City) diffuse the soft, lazy glow of an earlier London.

The Lamplighter

One borough only (Chelsea) is entirely lit by gas. But there are still places in the City and the House of Commons where you can see the lamplighter shouldering his long pole as he goes out on his rounds.

To eight generations the lights of London have twinkled the lure to fame and fortune.

The great gilded haze that they cast upon the pattern of streets and squares and terraces, the sparkle they strew, gemlike, on the deep setting of London River have conjured up the concept of

a city where the streets are paved with gold. But to travellers, visitors, exiles, and refugees from a hundred tyrannies the play of London lights on mist and fog and water has evoked the vision of a vast city under a spell.

Among those blurred outlines that you only see by night in London they formed ideas great and limitless as the city where they were conceived.

Shining On History

In the blur of Thames-side lights the first Impressionist painters drew their inspiration from Whistler's nocturnes. And, wandering through the lamp-lit streets of London, the lonely, broken men have seen new hopes and shaped strange futures for themselves and for mankind. Marx and Metternich, Talleyrand, Napoleon III, and Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

They varied with the centuries, those lights of London. But only twice have they been dimmed. From 1914-18 all lights were turned down. Along the river they were blackened on the side that faced the water.

In 1939 they were put out. And they have only come back slowly. Till August 1948 London was lit with half her peace-time power. From then till now with three quarters.

But London was not always brightly lit. It was not always lit at all. The year that followed Agincourt saw the first street lights glow in London. King Henry V. commanded every household to hang out a horn lantern every night between All Hallows (November 1) and Candlemas (February 2). But the order was strictly enforced and seldom obeyed.

It was only in the reign of Charles II. that London was first systematically lit (by private enterprise), when the King gave Edward Heming a patent to hang a lantern in front of every tenth door between 6 o'clock in the evening and midnight every moonless night from Lady Day to Michaelmas.

Oddly, the Restoration birthday of London lighting coincided in its date with the restoration of full lighting to London nearly 300 years after.

From the day that Heming hung out his first lamp London lighting spread, evolved, and improved. One thousand oil lamps lit the streets that Hogarth used to paint. On great occasions, when a royal child was born or Nelson won a victory, there would be a "general illumination," which meant a candle stuck in every window.

At last Wellington's success in Spain in the early 19th century was celebrated by lighting Carlton House colonnade (now set outside the National Gallery) with gas. Sir Humphry Davy, leading scientist of the age, was sure that the place would blow up, but within 60 years 2,000 miles of gas-pipe gave light to Victorian London. And by then electricity had come in.

New Styles Sought

Ninety years ago the first electric lamp was set up on Westminster Bridge. And now new forms of city lighting are debated and discussed.

There are plans to floodlight streets with giant reflectors, to light them upwards with wired tubes laid below the kerb. Or downwards from searchlights placed in luminous barge balloons.

But London's ten millions are not much interested in the lights of tomorrow. To see the lights of yesterday go up again is thrill enough for them.

Eyes By Air To New York

New York was recently the scene of a medical experiment and the arrival of a first shipment of "Eyes by Air."

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Now the eyes that were once a Mexican's belong to someone else. "It is necessary" explain the doctors "to replace eyes within 72 hours of the death of the donor."

Across No Man's Land

In the Old City of Jerusalem the white United Nations jeep was given a tremendous send-off for the journey across No Man's Land, which divides Jerusalem, by a crusader, a cowboy, a pierrot, two ferocious Arabs, and a fairy queen, with—for some reason—a large burnt-cork moustache.

The children of Jewish-held Jerusalem were dressed up for the national festival "Purim." As the Jewish military policeman, on the stroke of three o'clock, pulled aside barbed wire and we bucketed slowly away, through the deserted suburban area, children with long side curls of the orthodox Jew brandished toy pistols, let off explosive caps, and waved wands.

A Biblical-looking old Jew in black robes and a long, grey beard watched us go from the balcony hung with washing, tilted a piece of orange peel into the yard below with his stick, and went indoors. He is used to this strange crossing between two armies still at war with each other. It is made three times daily now by United Nations people and occasionally specially privileged correspondents, diplomats, or priests.

A white flag fluttered from one side of the windscreen; the United Nations flag—a white world on a blue background—from the other. The white trailer bumping behind was full of food parcels and bread for a Jewish hospital isolated in Arab-held Jerusalem.

Driving carefully over the loose stones, mortar craters, puddles, and war rubbish, we approached a wall of sandbags where one or two United Nations officials waited quietly beside a white jeep which had come from the other side—an American colonel, an American private, and a French naval officer.

This was the last point of No Man's Land to which Jewish military police venture to cross over. Here we changed jeeps—the trailer was hitched to the jeep from the Arab side and we set off across another stretch of No Man's Land towards the Arab front line.

The sandbag barrier in the narrow lane looked deserted at first. But, as we approached, an Arab Legion soldier in khaki

battledress and a red and white keffiyeh (Arab headcloth) materialised dramatically with a rifle. And an Arab woman in a white Persian lamb coat emerged from a knocked-about house beside the lane. She went meticulously through passports and passes before we were allowed to pass the barbed wire.

Arab Legion soldiers appeared with long knives and began opening all the leaves of bread. "What do you expect to find?" I asked. An Arab controlling officer in a Persian lamb hat told me:

By JENNY NICHOLSON
Our Roving Reporter Now In Palestine

"Oh, letters or something—perhaps—we have to be careful." "And have you ever found anything?" "No—only a few cockroaches and weevils."

Dancing Soldiers

A UNO officer climbed on the wall and signalled the nerves. No Man's Land. The Arab woman looked at her watch and gave an order to an Arab soldier. Somebody said "No more clients today," the barbed wire was dragged across the lane again, and we drove off along the circuitous route towards the walls of the Old City.

Although it is on the losing side, the whole atmosphere is much less oppressive than in victorious Israel. We even passed a group of Arab Legion soldiers gaily dancing a strange jumping stamping dance, the "Doubky," to pipe accompaniment.

Fearing Damascus Gate is the British Consulate, which by a geographical chance happens to be on the Arab side of the line. Here in a draughty convent building, consular officials struggle cheerfully in conditions rather like picnicking in catcombs under the auspices of NAAFI. At present they can be telephoned from the other side, but are cut off from mail and telegrams because the line divides them from the post office.

3-Cornered Interest

In the King David Hotel, which you can see from the South West walls of the Old City, the United Nations Conciliation Committee is working optimistically on a plan for making the whole city of Jerusalem international.

There is a three-cornered interest in Jerusalem, and the Conciliation Committee will have to be content to represent Christian interests. Both Jews and Arabs think they are wasting their time.

King Abdullah of Transjordan is in full possession of the Old City, and will not allow it to be internationalised unless the Jews allow the New City to be internationalised, which the Jews say they won't.

If Abdullah annexes the Old City and the gates become the Transjordan frontier it will be too inconvenient for pilgrims and bad for the tourist trade, on which the Jews are counting. On the other hand, if there is no controlled frontier, the Old City will become a splendid pull-up for smugglers.

Abdullah could, with the labour of thousands of Arab refugees now in Transjordan, organise a tourist trade of his own. The Arabs hold all the important holy places, including Bethlehem. It would just mean the pilgrims approaching them from the other direction.

It is unlikely that this side will budge an inch without another fight.

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U.S. ARMY TEST IN GERMANY

Heidelberg, April 16. A radar wall against attacking enemy planes will be tested next week when 70,000 manœuvring American troops strike against an imaginary "aggressor" force theoretically massing in Czechoslovakia.

Army officials, disclosing plans today, said every combat battalion in Europe will be warned of "attacking planes" through the force warning station at Freising. Defence against attacking planes is one of the main weak points found in the last field manœuvres.

Units have been given the alert for marching orders on Monday. Virtually every combat soldier in Germany will be massed along a 95-mile front, 25 miles from the Western frontier of Czechoslovakia.

Lieutenant-General Clarence Huebner, American troop commander in Germany, said this test, the greatest of American armed strength in Europe since the war, is strictly routine.

SKIRMISHES NEAR HANOI

Hanoi, April 15. Cave-hunting French troops have killed 70 members of the Viet Minh Army in skirmishes 15 miles South West of Hanoi, the semi-official French Press Agency said.

The Agency quoted well-informed sources, military authorities, as saying the Viet Minh fighters had massacred families of 10 Indochinese serving in French ranks.

The Viet Minh soldiers were entrenched in caves. The Agency did not say when the reported engagement occurred. Associated Press.

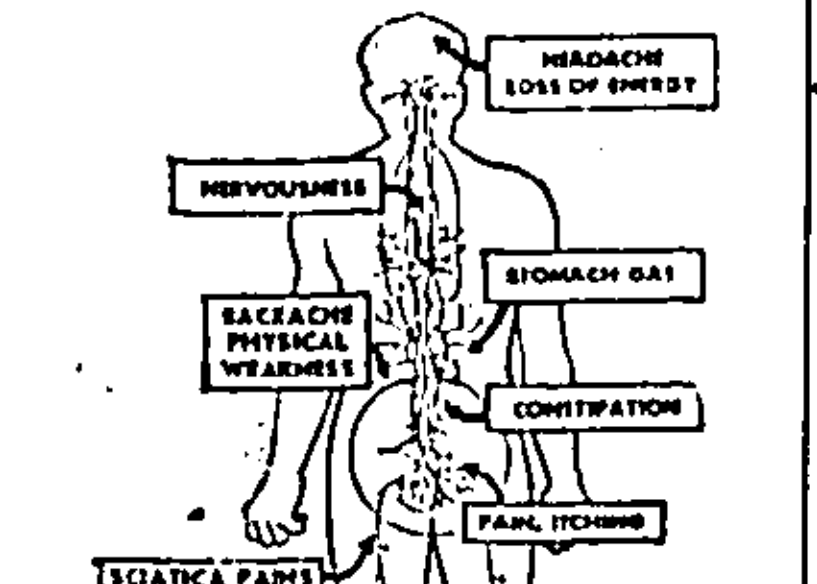
EXPANSION OF INDUSTRY

London, April 16. Australia's industry is undergoing the most spectacular expansion in the country's history, says J.H. Todd, Assistant Trade Commissioner for Australia in London.

Mr. Todd says the war was followed by a flood of overseas capital into Australia. Now her major problem is a labour shortage and the Government is sponsoring immigration to ease it.—Associated Press.

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Dublin, April 15. Eire's man-in-the-street today appeared unconcerned that as from Sunday midnight his country will be an independent Republic and no longer a member of the British Commonwealth.

Outside official quarters, few people spoke of the coming constitutional change.

The boycott of the celebrations by Mr. Eamon de Valera's Fianna Fail Party created a "damper" to the preparations, and supporters of the "Republic" in the Dublin City Council could not even get the necessary two-thirds majority to permit a minimum expenditure of £4,000 on floral decorations in the main streets.

Other towns have followed the capital's example and flags will only decorate the municipal buildings. Thus, no flowers or garlands will welcome the infant Republic.

Mr. de Valera and his party command the support of almost 50 per cent of the people and they have said firmly that there shall be no celebrations.

Behind the apathy lies the fact that although the establishment of a Republic appeals to the traditional Nationalist instinct of the Irish people, the ideal is a Republic for all Ireland and not just the 26 Counties of Eire.

All-Ireland

One of the reasons behind Eamon de Valera's refusal to celebrate is that they consider Eire has been a Republic for internal purposes since 1937, and that a declaration of complete republicanism for part of the island is something which might have been avoided. They say that the Republic in the present Coalition Government would thus be a Republic for internal political purposes.

Mr. de Valera never favoured breaking the slender link binding Eire to Britain. When a Republic was proposed, he described the decision as ill-timed, even though he did not oppose it. It is in that spirit that he has decided to stay away from the present celebrations.

His supporters keenly endorse his lead but his opponents say that the mass of the people will not follow him.

The declaration of Eire as a Republic does not mean that the establishment of a Republic for all Ireland (North and South) is not the aim of the present Government. General Sean MacBride, Minister of Justice, who took a leading part in the Anglo-Irish armed struggle and who proposed the acceptance of the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1922, has said that a Republic for Eire had always been the aim and urged continued pressure for a Republic of all Ireland.

Not Foreigners

No Irishman wants to regard Britain or any Commonwealth country as foreign. Friendship with the British Commonwealth

COLOSSAL U.S. AID FIGURES

Washington, April 15. United States financial aid to foreign countries, including unpaid balances on world war one loans, now totals \$92,169,000,000.

The figures were compiled by the House of Representatives' co-ordinator of information and include the just-approved \$5,500,000,000 authorization for a 15-month extension of the Marshall plan. This sum, however, has not been appropriated as yet.

Mr. James Van Zandt (Republican for Pennsylvania) told the House of Representatives yesterday that \$30,295,229,787 of this total was for the last war's lend-lease programme up to March 31, 1948.—Reuter.

His One Leg Saved Him

London, April 16. A one-legged murderer, who was to have been executed at a London prison next Wednesday, has been reprieved because doctors say his disability would make it difficult to carry out the execution humanely.

The murderer, John Frederick Mills, 40, a leg in a motor accident on the night he murdered his landlady at Dartford, Kent, in August, 1947.—Reuter.

Actresses In Traffic Accident

Hollywood, April 15. Lila Leeds, who served a gaol term recently in the Robert Mitchum marijuana case, suffered a broken arm and shock last night in a car accident.

The actress, Marie Wilson, who was in the car with her, suffered concussion, a broken jaw and shoulder injuries.

The car in which Miss Leeds was riding smashed into the rear of another car which was waiting for the traffic signal to change.

Witnesses quoted Miss Leeds as saying after the accident "My God, why does this always happen to me?"

Police officers were unable to determine who was driving the Leeds car which no licence plates.—United Press.

Successful Jump By 'Eagle Man'

San Francisco, April 15. Robert Niles, former Army paratrooper, aged 22, today fulfilled a boast and parachuted successfully from the Golden Gate bridge 230 feet into San Francisco Bay.

Niles escaped unharmed and became the second person to survive a leap from the famed "Suicide Span" which has claimed 112 victims since it was opened in 1937.

The bearded, lanky stuntman tried last March to leap from the span in his "eagle man" suit, a canvas bag-like affair covered with bird's feathers. That time, however, highway patrolmen and local attendants stopped him. But today there was no stopping Niles. He said, after he was fished from the icy waters of the bay, that he was using an Army type parachute.

Niles was rescued by a cabin cruiser which apparently had waited beneath the bridge for him. A Coast Guard cutter then intercepted the boat and took Niles to the Fort Point Coast Guard rescue station. There he was greeted by a delegation of policemen, who arrested him on a charge of disturbing the peace and obstructing traffic on the bridge.

The only other person known to have leaped from the bridge and lived was Cornelia van Ireland, a pretty 22-year-old who jumped in 1941. She suffered a broken back, broken arm and numerous other serious injuries and was in hospital for months.

A film stunt man, Alfred Rhodes, was killed in a parachute jump from the bridge in February 1948.

SCHOOLS TO BE INSPECTED

London, April 16. All independent schools in Britain are to be inspected following disclosures last week about conditions at Horsley Hall, Staffs, where two masters were found unfit to have charge of children.

The Minister of Education, Mr. George Tomlinson, disclosing this in the House of Commons today, said the first to be inspected would be those where there is any suspicion.—Reuter.

NEW AIR LINE TO HONG KONG

Manila, April 16. North West Airlines announced that it will start its air service to Hong Kong about May 1. The service will probably include three flights weekly to the Crown Colony.

The U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board recently authorized North West service to Hong Kong.—United Press.

TURKEY PUSHING PLAN FOR DEFENCE PACT

Washington, April 16. President Truman said today that he had not discussed with the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Necmeddin Sadak, the possibility of a regional pact for the Mediterranean along the lines of the North Atlantic Pact.

The Turkish Foreign Minister visited him yesterday, the President said, but that visit had been purely a courtesy call.

At a press conference today, Mr. Sadak strongly urged the formation of a regional pact for the Mediterranean. He said: "Turkey considers the Atlantic Pact insufficient in some of its aspects for the maintenance of peace on the continent of Europe."

Mr. Sadak continued: "Turkey wishes that Turkish security shall also be guaranteed by another regional pact which would be linked to the Atlantic Pact." He said that he had no discussions during his visit to Washington with American officials on the question of a regional pact for the Mediterranean. He added that he is unable to indicate at this stage what nations would be parties to such a regional pact. This would have to be considered when an agreement on principle had been arrived at that there should be such a regional pact, he added.

"Turkey's security is also under the guardianship of the friendship of several European countries—especially her alliance with Great Britain," Mr. Sadak continued.

He believed the United States would favour a Mediterranean Pact because it had already made Turkey the beneficiary of the Truman Doctrine. The strength and value of regional pacts would be in proportion to their linking with the Atlantic Pact, he added.

He said: "The Truman Doctrine is an assurance of the utmost importance to the security of Turkey," but, he added, "Turkey's security is first of all guaranteed by the Turkish Army." He said he is confident that the Turkish Army today is as it had been for the past nine years and would be able to resist successfully any aggression on Turkey's borders.

Ties With West

Mr. Sadak said that Turkey considers itself "very much committed" to the policies of the nations who had concluded the Atlantic Pact. Her ties with the United States, both morally and materially, "are as strong as though we were one of the Atlantic Pact nations."

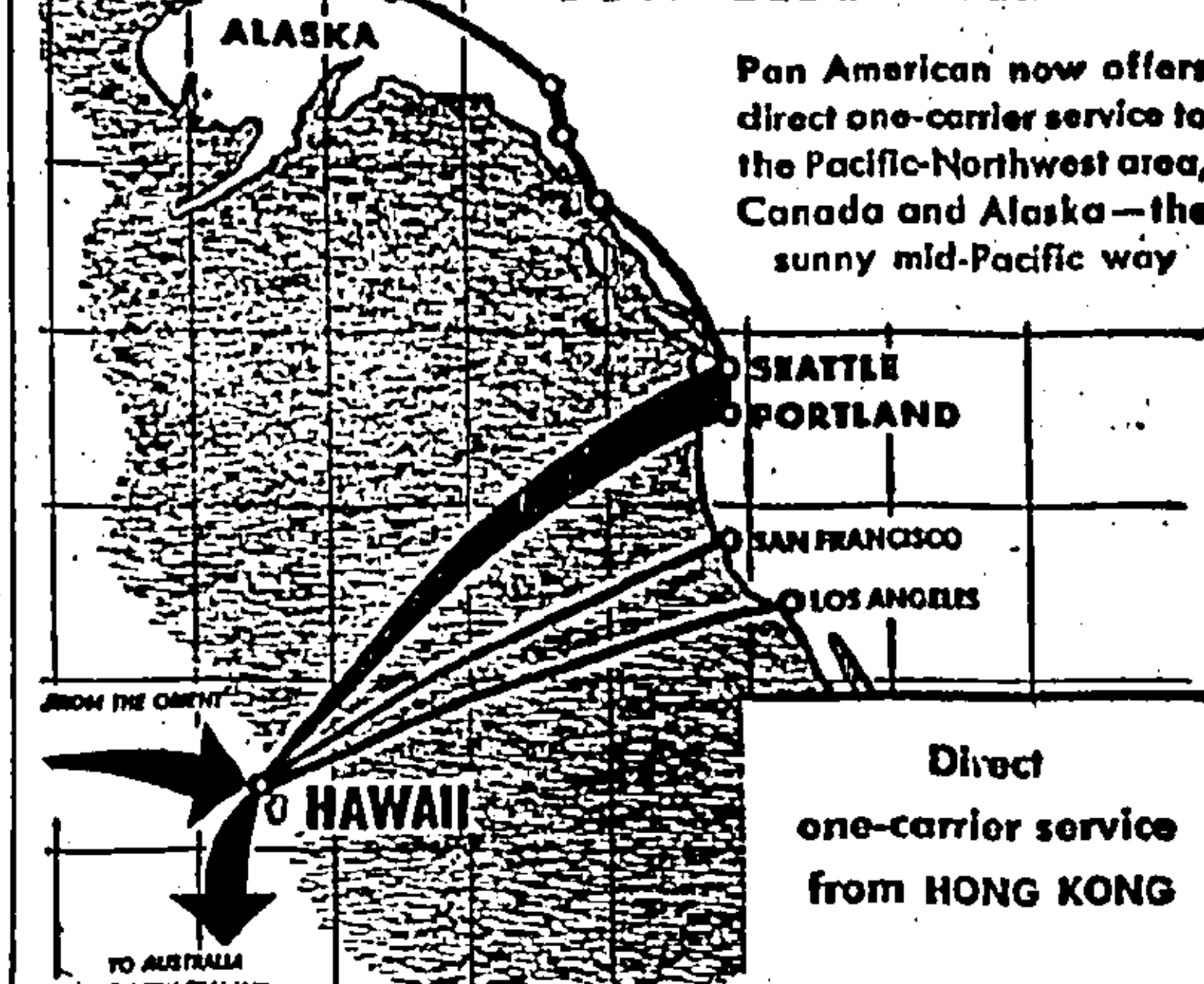
He continued: "I hope the United States and Britain and the other nations of the Atlantic Pact will have no objections to the creation of a regional pact in the Mediterranean. I believe the United States will favour such a pact, because it has already made Turkey the beneficiary of the Truman Doctrine."

Asked whether Britain would support a Mediterranean pact, Mr. Sadak said he had had no discussion with London yet about the subject. Steps to the formation of a Mediterranean pact would be dictated by developments and by the situation of the countries which might be expected to join in it, he added.

Mr. Sadak is returning to New York tonight to resume the leadership of the Turkish delegation to the United Nations. He said that he was deeply impressed with President Truman. "We

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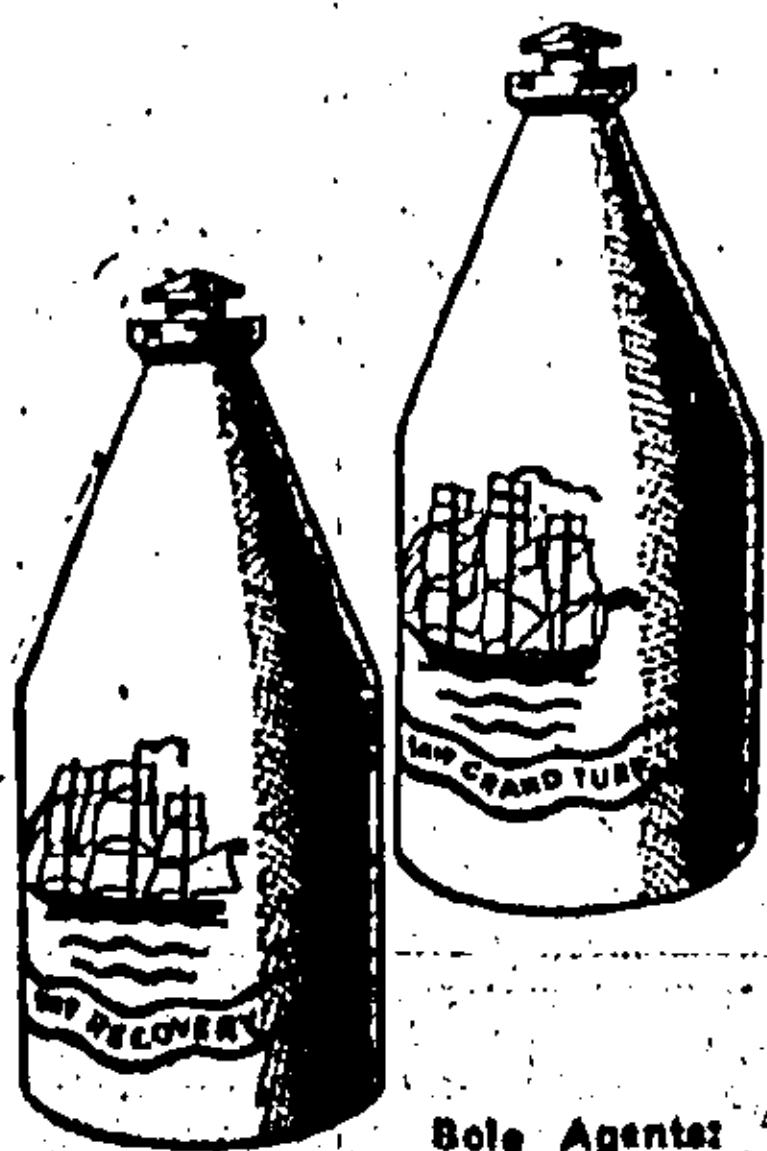
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THE GOLD BAN

The Hong Kong Government's sudden ban on unauthorised transactions in gold, possession of gold, and publication of prices and dealings, came as a shock to quite a few persons in the Colony. Heretofore there was a free market in the precious metal and this, in view of the troubled international situation and particularly the inflation in China, gave it a value considerably higher than the official rate.

As the government statement pointed out, in spite of a rigid prohibition on import and export of gold, extremely large transactions in the commodity were regularly financed on the local market. In order to keep the free trade aspect of the Colony to the fore, the authorities were doubtless right in permitting general buying and selling after the war, but the International Monetary Fund imposes obligations on its members and their overseas territories. An objection to free dealing can be voiced if transactions have the effect of establishing new rates of exchange. It has now been claimed that the market in Hong Kong did in fact have this effect.

This removes one of the last places on earth where one could walk into a shop and buy a bar of gold at will. The merchants and speculators who have large deposits of the metal are now worried as to the future of their holdings—most of which were purchased at the open rate, far in excess of the official rate. Presumably they will be permitted to sell either to an authorised dealer, or to a government agency, but they are despondently expecting a heavy loss. Any reimbursement they receive will almost certainly be at the official price, although no statement has yet been made on this point.

One wonders how much of the cached gold will find its way into authorised hands, and to what extent the new ban will stop dealings in the metal. And it is probable that smuggling will continue as usual.

What About The Duchess?

Suggestions are being made in London, that the Duchess of Windsor may now be received at Buckingham Palace for the first time.

It is noticeable that never before have rumours circulated that the Duke's American-born wife would be "acceptable" even for an unofficial visit. If the reports have any truth, there will be considerable satisfaction not only among the British public but in the United States as well. After all, she has "done penance" for 13 years, and her husband is a Royal duke. Her public behaviour since her marriage to the former King has been dignified and unexceptionable. Let us hope the time has come for a reconciliation.

COLOUR RETURNS TO GUARDS

London, April 15. The Brigade of Guards are to wear full dress on all public duties in London from June 1, it was officially announced today. Their scarlet tunics and breeches will be seen again by visitors who watch the famous "Changing of the Guard" ceremony at Buckingham Palace. The Household Cavalry—the Life Guards and Horse Guard Regiments—already wear full dress.

That "Exploitation" Myth

One of the main themes of Kuomintang propaganda, ever since the publication of the Sun Min Chi-I has been the alleged "exploitation" of China and the Chinese by the Foreign Powers, especially the Anglo-Saxon countries.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen himself went further and characterised every form of foreign economic and commercial activity in China as "robbery" and published a fantastic list of alleged robberies of China by imports, freight charges, banknotes issued by foreign banks, privileged concessions (such as railway concessions) etc.

The only time that I met Dr. Sun, in Peking, in the second year of the Republic, his main obsession was the solution of China's currency difficulties by the unlimited issue of unsecured inconvertible paper notes. That dream has since been realised. The old Chinese National dollar (now replaced by the so-called Gold Yuan) which in 1920 was worth US\$0.45, and in 1930 was quoted at US\$0.15 would today be quoted at the fantastic figure of US\$1 equals 180,000,000,000 C.W.

It is not a real complaint to the Chinese to assume that they were "exploited" (in the general sense) in the import and export trade. For the Chinese are among the shrewdest traders in the world, and it would be more reasonable to assume that they made a profit of at least \$2 for every \$1 made by foreign importers and exporters.

External Markets

Moreover, the "exploiting" foreigners were responsible for creating external markets for numerous commodities for which there was little domestic demand, such as short-staple wool, bristles, wood-oil, beans and bean-cakes, pig and sheep intestines, eggs and egg products, tungsten and antimony, groundnuts (whose cultivation was initiated by Americans) and various types of vegetable oils. One may therefore rule out as preposterous the suggestion that China's imports (which in 1937) amounted to £52,000,000, and her exports, which in the same year totalled £45,000,000 involved "making use" of "exploitation" by foreign importers and exporters.

Now let us turn to another side of the picture—the "exploitation" of foreigners (especially Britons and Americans) by the Chinese. Newly all of China's main railways were constructed with capital lent by foreign investors at a rate of interest far lower than that demanded for internal loans. That the construction of these railways was beneficial to China was admitted by Dr. Sun (who evolved a grandiose plan for the construction of another

70,000 miles), who stated that the economy of the provinces of Chihli (Hebei) Shantung, Kiangsu, Hupeh and Hunan had been transformed by the completion of the Tientsin-Pukow (constructed with British and German capital) and the Peking-Hankow (constructed with French and Belgian capital) railways.

Ten years ago China was in default to the extent of at least £120,000,000 in respect of foreign (chiefly British, French, Belgian, German, and Japanese) loans, of which some £35,000,000 were for railway financing. Accrued interest during the past 10 years must have brought the total up to £180,000,000. In addition millions of pounds were outstanding for railway equipment, finished and credit. The Chinese Government loans, including those for

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railway construction, were regarded by misguided foreign investors as gilt-edged securities. There does not appear to be the slightest hope, today, of these investors ever receiving a penny in the pound on their bonds. If that is not "exploitation," what other word would one use to describe it?

Currency Manipulations

But this is only one facet of the issue. On the millions of dollars and pounds poured into China during the Pacific conflict for war purposes the American and British taxpayers were not credited with more than 10 cents the dollar or two shillings to the pound, owing to currency manipulations at Chungking.

The cost, for example, of the airfields constructed for American use was many times what it would have been to carry out the same work in America itself, although so-called "cheap" Chinese labour was employed. The difference between the market and the official rate for U.S. dollars and English pounds found its way into the pockets of Chinese speculators.

After V.J. Day the United States Government by direct grants and by subsidies to U.N.R.R.A. contributed lavishly towards all kinds of projects for rehabilitation, including the supply of foodstuffs, medicines, railway and industrial equipment, educational grants and equipment, fishing and ocean-going vessels, war materials, etc. Between V.J. Day and June 30, 1937, American contributions towards relief to, and the rehabilitation of, China exceeded US\$2,900,000,000 and many millions more have been contributed since. Most of this vast sum has been

wasted, leaving little or nothing to show for it.

Moreover, both American and British commercial interests have been victimised by the successive currency "ramps," under which they were compelled to part with sound currency for note issues which became practically valueless. They were, further, discriminated against in every possible way, in trade, for the benefit of official families and monopolies.

Many of the American and British firms have had to go out of business. Others are carrying on without any serious hope of recouping their losses. Many undertakings in which British and other foreign capital was invested have been confiscated, or operated for the exclusive benefit of the Chinese. (This includes mines, mines, public utilities, and factories, as well as railways).

Poisonous Nonsense

It may be said that these developments are the inevitable consequence of the strains imposed upon China as a result of the war with Japan, and the subsequent civil war. Let that be assumed, for the purposes of argument. It does not alter the fact that to talk of "exploitation" of China and the Chinese by the Anglo-Saxon Powers is poisonous nonsense.

The only Power that has exploited, and continues to exploit, China, is the USSR. America and Great Britain—mistakenly, in my view—allowed China a free hand to wreck the administration and economy of the Shanghai International Settlement (and other former Settlements and Concessions). The only condition attached to their reversion to Chinese sovereignty was that China should assume the liabilities, as well as taking over the assets, of these Municipalities.

Even on this obligation the Chinese Government has cynically defaulted. Pensions and superannuation grants due to former members of the Shanghai Municipal Staff remain unpaid to this day, causing such hardship that the Chinese Government has had to grant them subsistence allowances at the expense of the British taxpayer. American and British vessels have been excluded from all but a few ocean ports.

Yet while America and U.S.A. were pursuing this policy of self-abnegation the USSR has been repossessing upon Chinese territory in Manchuria, the rights "predatorily seized" (to quote a Soviet communique) by the Tsarist Government. Russia has closed all Manchurian ports not only to foreign, but also to Chinese shipping. Yet in face of the unassailable facts given above, the Chinese Reds profess to be aiming at the "liberation" of China from American and British "exploitation." Surely, as far as the Anglo-Saxon Powers are concerned, the word "exploitation" should be deleted from the Chinese vocabulary!

FUTURE OF THE PACT

The North Atlantic Pact has been signed in Washington. The signatories represent eight nations—the United States, Canada (which now includes Newfoundland), Great Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Norway. These may be termed the "foundation members" of the new organisation. They have invited four other countries to join them—Denmark, Iceland, Portugal and Italy. Europe's four cannot add much to the armed forces of the eight (Italy's armaments are restricted by the peace treaty). But each comprises an area of exceptional strategic importance, which would become available to the combination in the event of war.

The Pact is not a piece of make-believe like the Kellogg Pact of unhappy memory. It has clear practical objects. It has been called into existence by Soviet aggression, and its purpose is to prevent that aggression from proceeding further at the expense of the signatories. It aims (1) to deter Russia from attacking them; (2) to defeat her if she does. It has become evident that the United Nations organisation will not by itself do either, and that only an armed coalition of the menaced countries can meet the case.

America Decides

The first and perhaps the decisive step was the formation of Western Union, whereby Great Britain, France and the Low Countries began planning their defence in common. That at once faced the United States with the issue. Should she support them, and if so, to what extent—by supplying material only or by joining hands? The answer cannot have been long in doubt. If the West Europeans stood and fought alone, they might well be overwhelmed, as in 1940. If they were in every way aided by the United States to help avert the catastrophe rather than, as in the last two world wars, come in after the event to undo it.

By signing the Pact America gives that answer. Subject only to the clause in her Constitution which reserves to the Congress of the day the right of declaring war, it commits her to a defensive alliance with Western Union, Canada, with her twofold link to

Great Britain and to America, jointly and by a general and deeply appreciated throughout the Alliance, does Norway. The whole is given the form of a regional pact under United Nations, similar to the Western Hemisphere pact signed by the countries of North, South and Central America. But its practical effect is different; for whereas the Western Hemisphere is not immediately threatened with attack from any quarter, Western Europe is. The Pact is a defensive alliance against an imminent danger; and the United States by

By Scrutator

taking part in it recognises more definitely than ever before that democracy on one side of the Atlantic could not afford to view with indifference the disappearance of democracy on the other.

The next task, now that the Pact has been signed, is to give effect to its intentions. This is urgent, for nobody can be sure when an attack may come. The reader we are to meet it, the less likely it is to be launched. Mr. Churchill was probably right when he said at Boston that what has prevented Western Europe from being overrun already has been America's possession of the atomic bomb. But, as time passes and Russia enlarges her own stock of atomic explosives, that restraint will be less felt. Indeed, it would seem already much weakened for when last year she instituted the Berlin blockade, it was plainly a challenge to the Western Powers either to make war or to surrender; and it was only the entirely unexpected success of the "air lift" which prevented the catastrophe from being pressed to its full consequences.

Defence Problems

The allocation to the different Pact countries of their respective shares in a defence scheme may nevertheless take considerable time. It is most important, to say, as far as possible, the foundations of hearty co-operation

Japan's Plans For World Markets

By G. WARD PRICE

In about five years British industries will again be faced with serious competition from Japan. That is the impression left by a three-day inspection of manufacturing, shipbuilding, and steel plants in the Osaka and Kobe area, which is the industrial centre of the country.

Lack of raw materials, coal, and power is holding back Japanese production, but the capacity to undersell British products is still there, based on cheap labour, diligence, and skill.

Pressure of population will make Japan fight even harder for foreign markets in the future. Half the present total imports consist of foodstuffs, and each year 1,600,000 more Japanese have to be fed. If she cannot pay for her imported supplies by exports, she will starve.

Faced with this situation, the Japanese Government has drawn up a Five-Year Plan.

More Coal, Steel

The plan provides for increasing the national output of coal and steel by 30 and 40 per cent. respectively over pre-war production—but the main export of the country is to be cotton goods.

The aim is to have, by 1953, just under 6,000,000 cotton spindles producing 800,000,000 of yarn a year. Sixty per cent. of this is to be exported.

Before the war there were 8,000,000 spindles working. Today the number is only 2,250,000.

The United States, which is both paying the piper and calling the tune in Japan, wants to see the Japanese cotton industry develop.

That industry does not compete with America's own, and provides a market for her cotton-growers who cannot sell to European countries as much as before because these are short of dollars, and are faced at the same time with growing competition from the cotton fields of India, Brazil, and Russia.

Japan has no armed forces to consume her man-power in unproductive activities. She has been taken under America's protective wing with a generosity and solicitude that are surprising when one recalls the deliberate aggression and cold-blooded cruelty with which she waged war on the United States and her allies.

Moreover, the Allied occupation is giving the Japanese a rest-cure, with full bellies, after the strains and shortages of the war.

Lenashire may thus have five years to put its house in order before the competition of this Far Eastern country reaches the intensity of pre-war days, when the Japanese were selling cotton socks in England at a price less than the cost of the yarn alone to the British manufacturers.

British protests about "unfair competition" and "unfair competition" are likely to be as ineffective as before. Japanese labour is cheap only because its standards are as frugal as well as industrious.

I have been looking over three big cotton mills—spinning, weaving, and finishing.

One gets the impression of an industry run by children. Hundreds of young girls tend the machines, so diligently that they hardly raise their heads when visitors go round. They are neatly dressed, and look as happy as if the factory were a big girls' school.

Live On Plant

They live on the premises in dormitories and dining-rooms that are bare but clean.

There are two shifts a day—one from 5 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and the other from 2 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., with 45 minutes' break for a meal.

For breakfast on the day I was there, the girls had soup, and radishes. Lunch consisted of curry and noodles, with fish-cake and two vegetables. The supper menu was herring, whalmeat, and rice.

On these rations their cheeks were so plump, that they looked as if they had toothache, and their calves were as fat as a foot-baller's.

As wages, a girl the equivalent of from £2 to £4 a month, and pays about 12s. a month for her food. Rates were increased about 45 per cent. last August.

Scrap From Shells

The heavy industries of Japan seem to be making a quicker recovery than the textile trade. The output of the Fuso Steelworks at Osaka, the second largest in the country, is the same as before the war, during which the size of the plant was doubled.

They import pig-iron from India and also use Japanese scrap, some of which I saw in the form of huge piles of empty shell-cases. No supplies of scrap now come, as in pre-war days, from the United States.

They make castings and forgings for rolling stock and marine engines. There are constant demands for wage increases, and the 4,000 labourers at present get an average of about £3 a week.

The Kawasaki Shipbuilding Company at Kobe, with its 6,000 hands, is working at a lower ratio by comparison with pre-war figures. Japan is not allowed to build vessels of more than 5,000 tons, though a salved ship of 7,500 tons was being recommissioned in the yard, and a start has been made on an 18,000-ton whaler for Norway.

Communist influences cause more trouble in the shipbuilding business than elsewhere.

All these industrial establishments, reduced though their present capacity may be, nevertheless have great possibilities of expansion, and it is clear that the trade rivalry of Japan has not been eliminated by her defeat in war.

Mile-High Building Planned

An architect in San Francisco by the shores of the Pacific is planning a material rise to recognition.

The name is A. McSweeney and Mr. McSweeney has an idea for a skyscraper to end all skyscrapers. While the Empire State Building (1,360 ft. high) has 102 floors, the McSweeney masterpiece will have just four times that many. Nor will the wonder skyscraper just contain offices.

The McSweeney intention is that it should be a veritable town in itself with 1,000 shops, 60 schools, 50 cinemas, 60 night clubs, 20 churches, 10 hospitals, 300 lifts, a railway and regular bus services.

The cost of it all? Around £2,000,000,000.

Those accustomed to a maximum of 10 stories or less may scoff at the idea and imagine that anyone else would as well. Not so in America where, McSweeney has discovered the motto is "anything different must be worthwhile."

Last week the Mayor of San Francisco sent Mr. McSweeney, and asked to see his blue-print of the mile-high building. Now, reports Rodney Campbell, the mayor is studying it closely. Which is perhaps just as well for in 1906 the whole of San Francisco was nearly destroyed by an earthquake.



ACHESON'S REJECTION OF CHINA AID PLAN: "CATASTROPHIC STEP"

Washington, April 16.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, has rejected a proposal to extend US\$1,500,000,000 in military and economic aid to Nationalist China.

Mr. Acheson said aid of such magnitude is unwarranted under present conditions. He said the outcome of any such American undertaking would almost surely be catastrophic.

His views were outlined in a letter to Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It was in response to questions by Senator Theodore Green, a Republican member of the Committee, concerning a bill introduced by Senator Pat McCarran, Democrat, to authorize such aid.

Mr. Acheson wrote Mr. Connally: "It is the Department's view that the bill proposes aid of a magnitude and character unwarranted by present circumstances in China."

Aerial Corridors In Britain

London, April 16.

Civil planes flying over Britain in future will be channelled through 10-mile wide air corridors, extending from 5,000 feet to 11,000 feet over the main international and internal air trunk routes, under a Government scheme disclosed today.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation hopes to have the new system in operation by the end of the year.

Mr. Geoffrey de Freitas, Under-Secretary of State for Air, outlined the plan in a letter to three Labour Members of Parliament who had asked questions in the House of Commons about the proposed system of air traffic control, and the two Ministers have reached a provisional agreement on it, he added.

RIDDLE MAY BE SOLVED

Port Louis, Mauritius, April 16. A land agent of Ceylon, Mauritius, Mr. George Desvarieux de Marigny, may solve the riddle of an ancient Chinese inscription when he starts digging on April 20 for a treasure he believes to have been buried in the Black River district of this island by pirates of long ago.

A metal detector is said to indicate the presence of a mass of metal eight or nine feet below the surface near the stone bearing the inscription, which has been translated as "Fifteen ounces of gold and silver here rests a courtesan. I leave you, sir, to guess without asking you for any money."—Reuter.

HONOURS EVEN

Belfast, April 16. A battle of wits between customs men and smugglers on the Irish border has ended with honours even. Seizing 25,000 cigarettes and 17 dozen pairs of nylon in a mountain hide-out, Eire customs officers left the spoils in their post at Omagh. They then kept watch. At midnight the hut was broken into and a man emerged with the goods. He was seized and the contraband recaptured—but on the way to the police barracks the smuggler escaped.—Reuter.

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Despite the present aid programme authorized by the last Congress, together with the very substantial other aid extended by the United States to China since V-J Day aggregating over US\$2,000,000,000, the economic and military position of the Chinese Government has deteriorated to the point where the Chinese Communists hold almost all important areas of China from Manchuria to the Yangtze River and have the military capability of expanding their control to the populous areas of the Yangtze Valley and of eventually dominating South China.

"The National Government does not have the military capability of maintaining a foothold in South China against a determined Communist advance."

Desire For Peace

"The Chinese Government forces have lost no battles during the past year because of lack of ammunition and equipment, while the Chinese Communists have captured the major portion of the military supplies, exclusive of ammunition, furnished the Chinese Government by the U.S. since V-J Day. There is no evidence that the furnishing of additional military material would alter the pattern of current developments in China."

"There is, however, ample evidence that the Chinese people are weary of hostilities and that there is an overwhelming desire for peace at any price."

"To furnish solely military material and advice would only prolong hostilities and the suffering of the Chinese people and would arouse in them deep resentment against the United States."

"Yet, to furnish the military means for bringing about a reversal of the present deterioration and for providing some prospect of successful military resistance would require the use

of an unpredictably large American armed force in actual combat, a course of action which would represent direct U.S. involvement in China's fratricidal warfare and would be contrary to our traditional policy toward China and the interests of this country."

Futuro Uncertain

"In these circumstances, the extension of as much as US\$1,500,000,000 in credits to the Chinese Government, as proposed by the bill, would embark this Government on an undertaking the eventual cost of which would be unpredictable but of great magnitude, and the outcome of which would almost surely be catastrophic."

"Despite the above observations, it would be undesirable for the U.S. precipitously to cease aid to areas under the control of the Chinese Government which it continues to recognize. "Future developments in China, including the outcome of political negotiations now being undertaken, are uncertain. Consideration is being given, therefore, to a request for Congressional action to extend the authority of the China Aid Act of 1948 to permit commitment of unobligated appropriations for a limited period beyond April 2, 1949, the present expiration date of the Act. If, during such a period, the situation in China clarifies itself sufficiently, further recommendations might be made."—Associated Press.

PONTIFF TO BROADCAST

Vatican, April 16. The Pope will take part in a broadcast Monday in a television studio. During the transmission the Pope will also broadcast a short message. —Reuter.

Stars Relegated To Background

New York, April 16.

The chorus turned the tables on the star performers at the Metropolitan Opera House last night as the stars were relegated quietly to the sidelines.

Members of the chorus stepped into the limelight and took curtain call after curtain call while the audience cheered itself hoarse.

For the final performance of "Le Traviata" in New York this season the Metropolitan had recruited some of the greatest names ever listed on its programme. All of them have retired and range in age from 50 to 84.

The leading roles were sung by the current Metropolitan stars, Ferruccio Tagliavini and Robert Merrill. But they were over-

shadowed as stars of yesterday returned to the scene of their successes.

There were Giuseppe De Luca, a baritone who used to sing with Curuso, Maria Savage who sang bit soprano parts for 62 years and retired three years ago at the age of 81, Fritz Schaff who sang her last Metropolitan role in 1903, and Giovanni Martinelli, tenor aged 63 who left the Metropolitan in 1946.

The list of former stars also included Grete Stueckgold, 53, soprano, Goeta Ljunberg, 55, soprano, Louis Dangelio, baritone, and Cecil Arden who was the Metropolitan soprano from 1917 to 1926.

They appeared in the third act of the Verdi opera which takes place in a gambling establishment. They milled around and sang bit parts for which participants usually receive one dollar each, but last night's "supers" sung for nothing because the opera was presented as part of the Metropolitan's campaign to raise \$250,000.—United Press.

Heart Trouble Caused by High Blood Pressure

If you have pains around the heart, palpitation, dizziness, headaches at top and back of head, shortness of breath, feel nervous, or suffer from poor sleep, loss of memory and energy, indigestion, worry and fear, your trouble is probably caused by high blood pressure. While it is a mysterious disease that causes more deaths than cancer, because the symptoms are so common and usually mistaken for some simple ailment, if you suffer from any of the symptoms, your life may be endangered by heart trouble or a paralytic stroke, and you should start treatment at once. The very first dose of Hytrin, a new medical discovery, reduces high blood pressure and makes you feel younger in a few days. Get Hytrin from your chemist today. It is guaranteed to make you feel well and strong or money back on return of empty package.

NO PACIFIC PACT AT PRESENT?

Sydney, April 16.

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Peter Fraser, does not believe that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meeting in London will consider a Pacific defence pact.

Mr. Fraser, who is enroute to London, said that there is no threat to Australia's and New Zealand's security from Far Eastern countries.

However, he added: "In 10 or 20 years time, when the governments of the Far Eastern countries settle down, we might then have to take stock of our position."—United Press.

Nothing To Fear From The Soviet

New York, April 15.

U.S. Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Democrat, said yesterday: "Russia does not have the industrial know how to carry on a world-wide conflict."

"We have nothing to fear from Russia."

"There need not be a war. I do not believe the Communists in Russia are planning a war. They are waiting for the United States to drift into a collapse of our system of government."

"We here in the United States can contain Communism and save the world from a totalitarian system if only we have the will and the way to make the capitalist system work. We have not yet learned how to prevent a depression, but we must and will do so."

Mr. O'Mahoney said confidently: "There is no danger of a depression" in the U.S.—Associated Press.

Berlin Russians' Significant Move

Berlin, April 16.

East German firms may contact West Berlin companies to resume trade which has been almost at a standstill for four months, Herr Fritz Seldmann, deputy chief of the Soviet zone Economic Commission, said today.

The announcement caused much interest in Western Allied political circles who take it as evidence that Soviet zone authorities had realised the impossibility of doing without the valuable electrical products which are the mainstay of Western Berlin's economy.

Some observers even suggest that the Soviet authorities may be seeking a means of prising themselves out of the whole Berlin impasse.

In theory, the Eastern authorities refuse to allow any goods at all to reach West Berlin from their sector. In practice, this ban is limited to food and fuel,

Portugal Smashes A Plot By Communists

Lisbon, April 16.

The political police reported today that they have uncovered a Communist underground organisation with ramifications throughout Portugal and in France and Spain.

The police said orders for the Communism campaign of action in all three countries were co-ordinated through code messages sent by an underground communications system.

Many Communist members of the organisation have been arrested and valuable documents confiscated, police added. They reported that the subversive campaign had been thwarted through isolating local Portuguese groups belonging to the organisation.

The police said much of the information was gained with the seizure of a clandestine printing plant at Coimbra on April 9. Official Communist underground newspapers were printed at the plant with other Communist material. Two men and two women were arrested at the plant and one of them was identified as Jose Augusto Silva Martins, Portuguese Communist chief of propaganda.

Dossiers Seized

The police said seized documents included dossiers on important public figures, with their full political and private histories.

Orders for action in Portugal and Spain were addressed from "Argel" to "Dunarte," according to the police, who said they had established that "Dunarte" is the code name for Alvaro Cihnal, a Portuguese lawyer who was arrested several weeks ago as a senior Communist underground leader.

Code messages were transmitted to Spanish Communists—United Press.

HINT BY MALAN MINISTER

Murraysburg, April 15.

Mr. J. Stuybom, South African Minister for Lands, said in a speech here that only by becoming an independent republic could South Africa retain that strong feeling of independence which is necessary for the survival of the Europeans in the Union.

The Nationalist (Government) Party is republican and its policy is "republican," he declared today.

"Could the United States have become so strong as she is today if she had remained a part of the British Empire?" Mr. Stuybom asked.

Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, who is now on his way to London to attend next week's Commonwealth prime Ministers conference, said in the Senate on April 8 that "there can be no restrictions to our development even should we decide as a nation to become a republic."

"We have the right to do that," he added. So long as they had this right, the Government would be glad to be associated with other members of the British Commonwealth of nations.—Reuter.

NEW TREATMENT OF LEPROSY

Nicosia, April 16.

Leprosy treatment in Cyprus with new sulfa drugs has achieved dramatic success, according to the medical officer of a leper farm, Dr. Neophytos Michaelides.

Dr. Horace Shelley, Cyprus Director of Medical Services, said that the results of the sulfa drugs had been "beyond our greatest hopes." There is a definite "clinical" improvement in a high percentage of the farm's patients suffering from nodular leprosy. The results show an improvement in leprosy blindness, the disappearance of leprosy laryngitis and characteristic leprosy reactions, it was claimed.—Reuter.

A economic member of the West Berlin Magistrat, Carl Schwenicke, said that if the Soviet zone authorities are in real need of West Berlin's produce they have only to lift the blockade.

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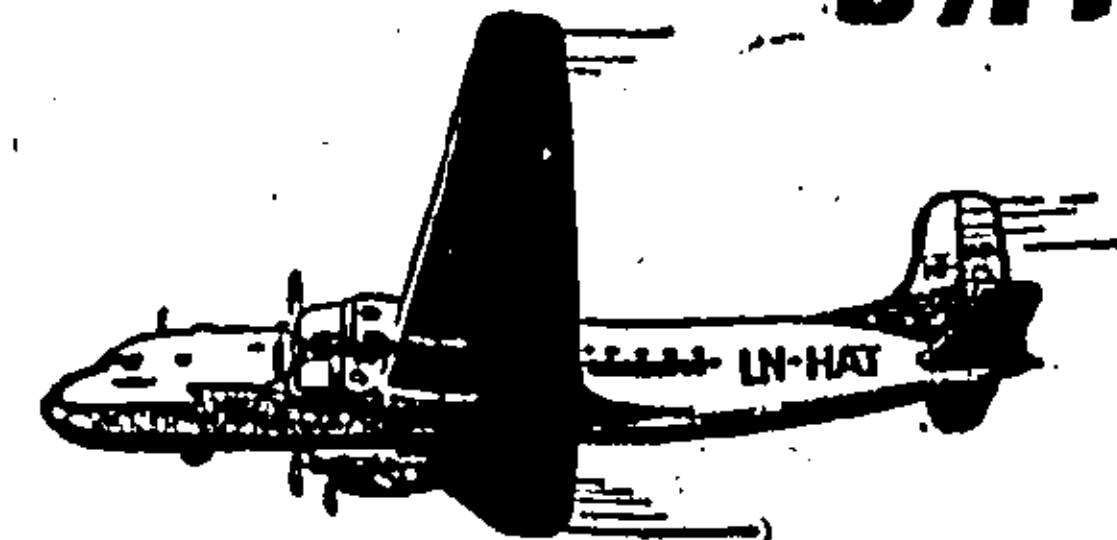
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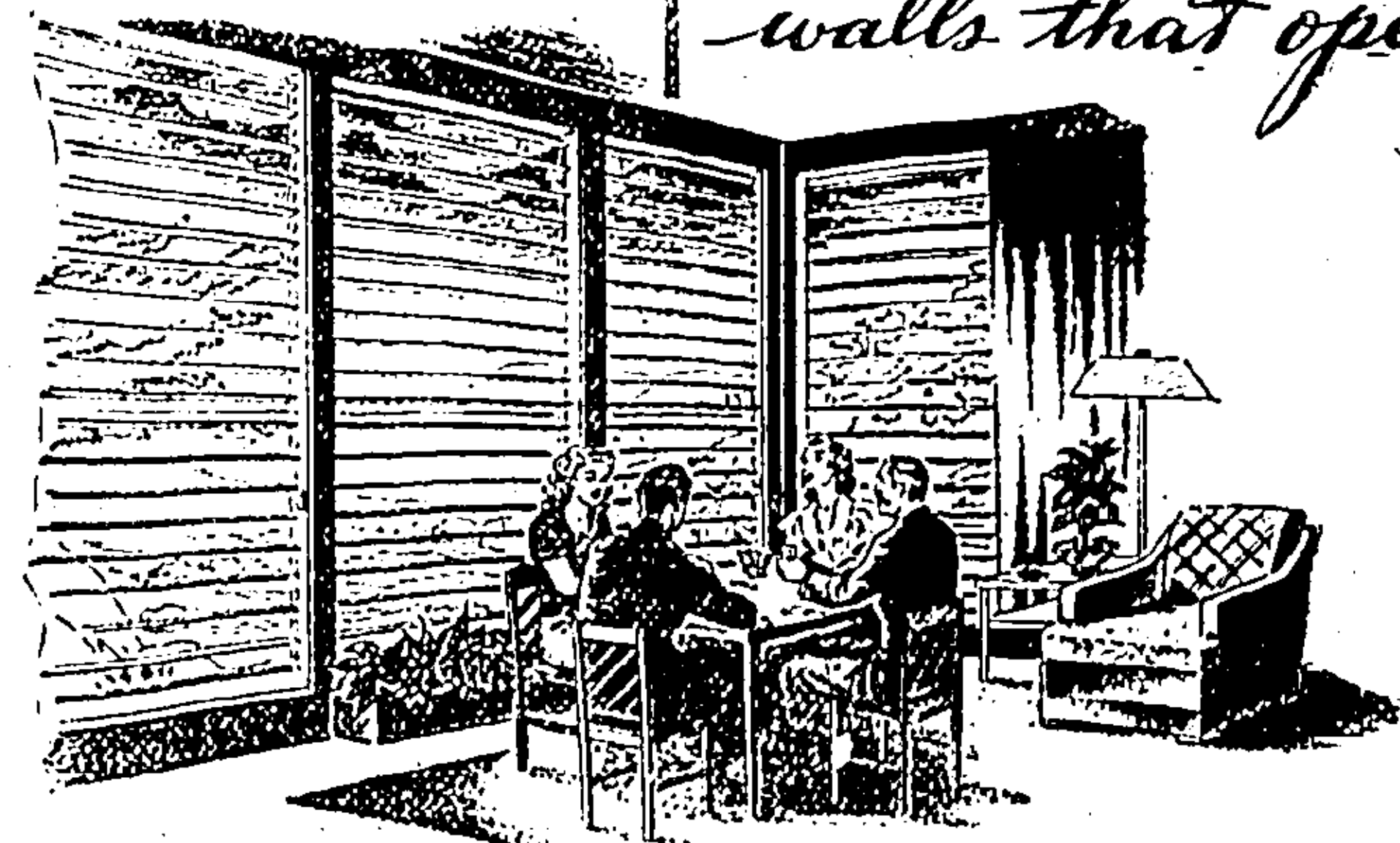
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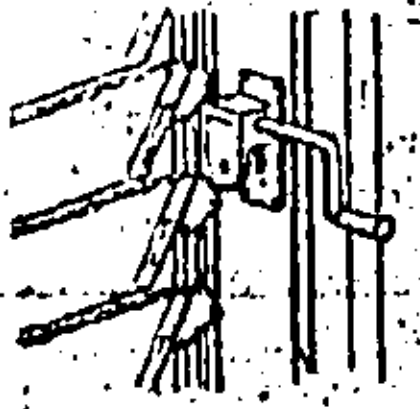
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Free Medicine Rush Reveals NEW HEALTH FACTS

By JOHN HALL

One thing being made clear about Britain's sight is that a lot of people who are using glasses should throw them away, and others who are applying for glasses don't really need them.

There is no evidence that the war, with restricted diet, has caused any deterioration in eyesight. The slight deficiencies in some of the "eye vitamins" have not been enough or sufficiently prolonged to cause damage. But the increase in smoking may have long-term effects.

Many people are now smoking at a rate which could cause damage to eyesight—could, in some cases, even tend to "tobacco blindness."

There are people who can for years smoke 50 or 60 cigarettes a day and get away with it, but the average person should not exceed 30 cigarettes a day. Pipe-smokers should not use more than half an ounce a day, and less than that for the man who prefers the shag-type tobaccos.

It is not the smoke in your eyes that starts trouble but the poisons entering the system through the mouth.

Cigars 'Lucky'

Pipe-smokers absorb more poison from tobacco than cigarette-smokers. Cigarette-smokers appear to get away with it entirely, however many they smoke.

Most damage is done when you smoke "on an empty stomach."

That cigarette or pipe before breakfast is particularly bad. Many applicants for glasses complain that they are suffering from "eyestrain." There is no such thing. What people call "eyestrain" is just fatigue. The more you use your eyes the better, but they get tired just as your legs get tired if you go for a long walk. All they need is a rest, not glasses.

Naturally healthy people with normal sight don't need glasses. Few of us have perfect eyes, but we have imperfections so slight that they are not worth bothering about.

Except in some cases of "squint" glasses have no curative value.

Most people begin to experience slight difficulty in focusing for reading or close work after the age of 40. It is quite normal. Almost all of them need glasses as an aid for close work.

Nature never intended eyes to be used under artificial light, but there is no evidence that this relatively modern usage, or even 30 years of cinema-going (and that does tire the eyes), has affected the nation's sight.

Biggest advances have been in the better care of children's sight (today, for instance, the short-sighted child gets glasses and is able to keep up with the others, whereas 100 years ago such children were put down as dullards and never got anywhere), in the provision of protective goggles in industry, and in the treatment of eye diseases.

It is now possible to detect and treat in its very early stages a disease called glaucoma and prevent blindness where it used to be prevalent.

Does the modern craze for dark sun-glasses in the summer portend anything? Not a thing, except that women don't like

cept that women don't like screwing up their faces and staring, crow's feet.

Bright light does not harm the eyes, even the brightest sunshine so long as you don't stare at the sun, but if women—or men—want to avoid wrinkles there is no reason why they shouldn't.

How To Dodge The Dentist

One cause of our teeth troubles is that we are developing into a race of "rabbit chins" and "jawless wonders."

This development is being fostered by the craze for female beauties with dainty chins and pouting mouths. A development you can see for yourself by looking around or, better still, by examining the photographs of girls who win modern beauty contests.

Nearly all the winners have the same tiny chin and slightly protruding teeth.

Strapping fellows with massive square jaws—jaws that afford space for teeth to grow properly—choose these "rabbit chin" mates, and along come increasing numbers of "rabbit chin" children whose jaws are so small that healthy teeth have to be removed to give the others room.

You see those results around you—people with weak chins, people with one or two overcrowded teeth sticking fang-like out of their gums.

During the war, when the children began to get special milk supplies, there was a marked improvement in their teeth, and we put it down to the milk.

But since more sweetstuffs have become available there is just as much dental decay among school children as ever, and we now realise that it was the reduced amounts of sticky sweetstuffs, more than the extra milk, that was doing the trick.

We would all have better dental health if we paid more attention to brushing the gums (with a soft brush) than to brushing the teeth, and there would be a lot less pyorrhea if that was done.

We forget that Nature never intended teeth to be regarded as decoration. She intended them for gnawing bones and bark from trees, uses which wore the teeth down and rubbed away the parts that are liable to decay and kept the teeth and gums strong and healthy.

Very little progress has been made in the matter of building better teeth by special aids. Tests with the substance called fluorine, however, are encouraging and there is a strong case for adding small quantities of fluorine to public water supplies.

But tests so far have shown that while fluorine appears to give young people sounder teeth up to the age of 18 or so, after that age those who have had fluorine get as much decay as those who have not.

New tests are also being made to learn about the bacteria which attack our teeth. It has been shown that if you remove a decaying human tooth and implant it in a monkey's jaw the decay will continue, but if you implant it in a dog's jaw the decay stops almost immediately. No doubt the saliva, arising from its diet, in a dog's mouth kills the bacteria.

Decay, with its attendant tortures of toothache and the dentist's drill and forceps, always attacks our teeth from the outside, usually from food waste that has lodged between the teeth. And that brings us to claims recently made by the American dentist Dr. Bernhard Gollich.

His treatment is to shut out the attacking bacteria by encasing the teeth in a transparent rock-hard film. First he coats the teeth with a solution of zinc chloride, and then hardens that coat by applying a solution of potassium ferri-cyanide.

Still The Best

By EARL WINTERTON M.P.

I have been a Member of Parliament continuously since 1904; I was the "Baby of the House" when first elected; I am now its "Father."

There is a tendency for people who have spent a lifetime in any profession, or institution, to contrast its present position unfavourably with its past.

I do not take this view about the House of Commons.

I consider that, irrespective of party, it has had in the last 20 years a membership with more practical experience of internal and external problems than it had in 1904.

The extinction of the Irish Nationalist Party involved the loss of many brilliant debaters, but also removed a party resolved on trying to destroy parliamentary government in order to obtain Home Rule for Ireland.

No such party or group exists today. Even Mr. Gallagher has on occasions paid tribute to Parliament as an institution.

Moreover, when I was young, the House of Commons was the butt of every comedian and many writers who represented it as a fussy, out-of-date institution which impeded progress.

Main Guardian

Today, as a result of the frightful evils resulting from Fascist, Nazi, and Communist movements on the Continent, the average sensible Briton realises that an elected deliberative assembly is the main guardian of freedom.

He or she relies upon the M.P. for protection from the over-crowding power of Ministers and civil servants. The check upon both provided by parliamentary speeches and questions is still very great and can deflect the course of governments where it runs contrary to the wishes of the public.

The style of speaking has, as in any natural language, changed in the last 40 years. There are, however, as many members today as there always were, even if not all of them are natural orators, who can bring to the discussion of any topic a wealth of knowledge and experience cumulatively greater than that of any other elected chamber in the world.

Nor do I think that the best speakers, the Members who fill the House and get the headlines, of the last 20 years, compare unfavourably with the so-called "Giant" at the beginning of the century.

Changing Moods

The House of Commons is typically British in its changing moods; it will often as a body appear to be logical, incoherent, and frivolous at question time and then, if a big debate involving great issues of principle follows, it will rise to the heights. Again, there may be a long dull day of debate on an uninteresting subject followed by a

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TWELVE GOOD MEN

To almost every citizen at some time or other comes the duty of serving on a jury. Here is one man's personal experience of jury-box procedure at the Old Bailey.

Are juries a good thing, or are they not?

There has been controversy in the House of Lords between the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, and a Lord of Appeal, Lord Macarthur, on this precise question.

Lord Chief Justice Goddard believes that juries are over-rated. He asks: "Is the lip service we pay to them well justified?"

Lord Macarthur, on the contrary, says that he has never been so certain of the rightness of a verdict as "when he had the assistance of a jury."

Mark that word "assistance." Actually, of course, it was not assistance at all—it was an overriding necessity.

Concurrence

In many criminal cases, by the assessment of English Law, even a Judge of the High Court can do nothing whatever without the concurrence of the 12 good men (or women)—and true."

Having recently come off eight days' jury-service at the Old Bailey itself, I beg to make my own contribution to the discussion.

In the light of my experience, I would state categorically that juries are a GOOD THING, though they are, of course, time-wasting things, even to anyone as comparatively carefree as a dramatic critic.

One cannot dodge jury-service. It is the first right and also the first duty of every citizen. But it can easily take up as much as a week—and occasionally lasts the best part of a fortnight.

Concentration

What do you have to do? The essence of the contract is that you should give your whole mind and attention to the case in hand.

For on you and your appreciation of the evidence—ordinary untrained citizen as you are—

Window On The World

By JOHN ASHWIN

Yet another stage has been reached in the development of the V2 rocket. Through the "Window" as it looks down on California can be seen an experimental station from which has been launched a rocket built to record every second of its 100-mile high flight.

The recordings, explains correspondent Rodney Campbell, are made by means of a recently developed radio-signaliser—an intricate machine attached to the rocket. As the V2 speeds from the earth the robot signaliser dispatches messages to scientists on the ground at the rate of 60 a second. The messages are taken down and transcribed automatically before being sorted out by scientists working 24 hours a day in the rocket station laboratories.

Already the robot has proved so successful that it is now being attached to low-level supersonic missiles. Next stop, say the scientists, will be to fit it to the new "Plek-a-back" Rocket capable of reaching immense heights. When

half-hour's discussion on the adjournment on some topical and controversial matter in which the Minister concerned gives or receives a big blow which has news value all over the world.

In these facts and factors lie the fascination of House of Commons and the reason for the eagerness of the public to hear debates.

They also explain the desire of men and women to become M.P.s; but I must reserve my comments on this aspect of the subject for my second article.

depends whether a fellow-citizen is declared "GUILTY"—and goes to hard labour, or goes to penal servitude—or goes to something worse.

Who are one's neighbours in this curious ritual?

Mostly very ordinary people many of them of the smaller shopkeeping class, picked one might say "with a pin" out of the telephone-directory.

This is exactly as it should be. The idea is to get a cross-section of entirely average English opinion.

I found that I had as my neighbour in the jury-box a teacher of painting from the Chelsea Art School. He was the other member of the artistic or writing fraternity.

By HUBERT CRIFFITH

But at the end of a week or so I came to know my fellow-members of the jury as one club.

Short Hours

The hours of session were fairly light. From 10.15 in the morning up to just before one o'clock. (One was free to depart and get lunch anywhere one liked.)

In the afternoon from about 2 o'clock to about 4.30. In the end, one found that this was quite long enough.

Barristers have to go off to consultations in chambers. The average jurymen finds that his powers of concentration are almost exhausted.

We got down to cases. Not everyone is called to the Old Bailey to try a murder case. All these that I experienced were comparatively trivial. For example, a policeman had been hit over the head with a beer bottle. It was neither a very full bottle—but quite enough to be inconvenient for him and to necessitate a couple of stitches being put in his head.

Obvious

Someone else had his face slashed open to the extent of 14 stitches being put in it, as a local doctor attested—and as, indeed,

the scar on the face of the witness gave evidence.

Yet another man (for in the eight-day jury-session one hears evidence on many criminal cases) had been found driving in a lorry with £500-worth of goods that were proved to have been stolen in Manchester a couple of days previously.

And in all such cases one has to give one's best (and most critical) attention!

Can the alleged slasher of faces be identified "beyond all reasonable doubt" as the man who actually slashed them? Was the man driving the lorry perfectly cognisant of the fact that what he was driving off with was stolen goods?—or did he come to the trade of lorry-driver as innocent as the babe unborn?

Gentlemen of the Jury, it rests with you? Decide which is truth and which is falsehood among the miraculously-worded arguments for the prosecution and for the defence.

Exhaustive

Ultimately the lorry-driver went to prison. We found, after many heart-searchings and after much eloquent and conflicting testimony, that he was clearly guilty. When his record was read out, after the verdict, it was discovered that he had about 14 other convictions for the same offence to his credit.

The only moral of all this is that a court at the Old Bailey can be as enthralling as any West End melodrama.

Remember that you, who are liable for this same service, may be there at any time. Remember, too, that no judge can send a man to penal servitude—that it is you who bring in the verdict.

Our Princesses have lately been attending the Old Bailey. After personal experience of it as a jurymen I can imagine nothing to make one more proud of the conduct of English justice.



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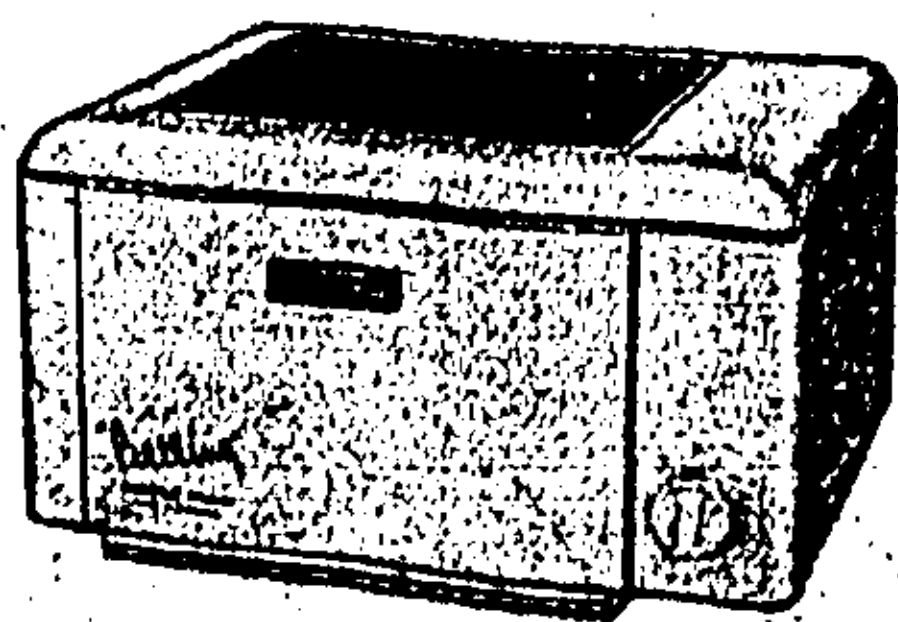
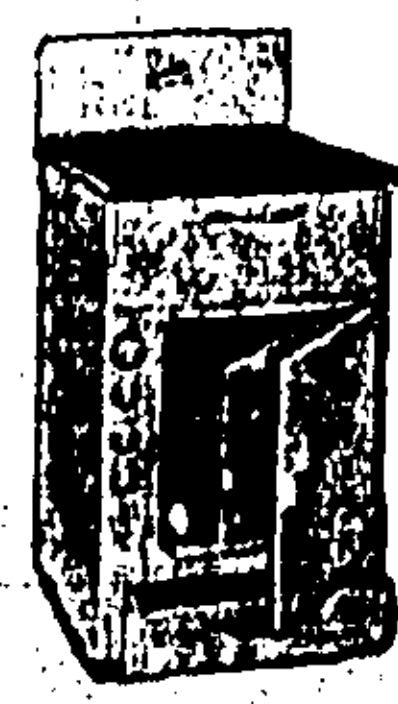
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CHAPTER ONE

Pat Raffigan was glancing at his wrist watch as he came down the wide steps of the Midwestern Railroad station toward the street exits. The huge terminal was aswarm.

That's why he didn't even notice the seemingly middle-aged woman who bumped him in the crowd. Although he knew well he was on no schoolboy errand, he didn't suspect the stout woman with her arms full of bundles. She looked like any other housewife hurrying for her train after a day of shopping in the city.

But she ploughed into him so forcefully that Pat jerked his head back. That was all that saved his face.

He felt some liquid strike the rim of his shirt collar, burn his neck, trickle down his clothes. Acid! She'd aimed at his face, and she'd missed only by inches! He lurched out to grab her, but she was already up the steps toward the train exits and lost in the crowd.

His neck was seared his suit bleaching in wide lines where the acid had run. So Pat raced for the men's room. He thrust a nickel into the pay slot and inside the shower, he turned on the water, hot and cold, as fast as it would gush. The attendant's eyes bugged when he saw Pat step from the shower room a moment later, soaking wet, and steaming.

Pat handed the man a sopping bill, and a locker key. "Get my suitcase out of that locker, will you?"

With that, Pat stripped, applying

Our Serial Story

WHAT HAPPENED IN SUITE 421

By Harry Whittington

more water to his neck and shoulders from the wash bowls.

His six-foot body lean and corded with muscles, gleamed as Pat regarded the burn on his neck. He gazed at his face in the mirror. How would he look now, if that woman hadn't missed with that acid?

Over his shoulder he saw two grinning men watching him. He supposed he did look ridiculous, standing in a pile of wet clothes and a puddle of water. But when he turned, he saw that one of them had a snub-nosed automatic aimed at him. Pat recognized him as a notorious gangster called "Toad."

The gunman growled: "Your name Raffigan, Nature Boy?"

"Nature Boy," repeated the other thug. "That's good!"

"My name's Raffigan," said Pat. "Why?"

"Unhealthy name to have," Toad said. "So why don't you be smart and take it outa town. For your health, you know."

"Yeah," snickered the other. "For your health!"

At that moment the attendant returned. "Here you are, sir."

Toad whipped around to the attendant, and that was all the time Raffigan needed. He exploded across the two feet between them, the weight of his body carrying Toad hard against his buddy, and driving the three of them over a large waste can that clanged loudly to the tile floor.

The gun in Toad's hand went off as Pat's left raked the killer's pudgy face and banged his head hard on the flooring. Toad lay still. Raffigan's fingers closed over the gunman's snub-nosed automatic.

Before the other thug could scramble out of the waste can, Pat had the small weapon levelled on him. He motioned the attendant to him. "Keep this on them," he said, putting the gun in a trembling fist. "I've got to dress."

By the time Pat was knotting a brightly coloured tie, Toad was returning to

the world of the living with, "What—what hit me?"

Ignoring the query, Pat left the attendant with another bill and instructions to guard the bad boys for about 10 minutes. Soon Pat was in a taxi headed toward the address he'd been given two days before in his office. He sat watching the bustling metropolis flow by the taxi window... the business district—then the shabbiest part of the waterfront.

Pat would have protested. The man he'd been told to meet was highly cultured, extremely wealthy.

Still he'd been warned the Brownell K. Harling was an odd character. His second wife had been a Chicago night club singer. Harling had never met her family, refused to allow his bride to communicate with them because he felt they were socially inferior.

Such a man could get into trouble, Pat knew, but why was he to meet him in a weathered old frame shack on a shabby wharf?

"This is the address, Mister," the cabbie said. "I hope you ain't bought the place before you saw it."

The detective shook his head and handed him his fare. "I've bought something," he said thoughtfully, "and this place might be a bargain beside it."

Pat knocked on the warped door of the brown old house. After a rather long delay, the door was slowly opened and Pat found himself facing a pretty girl wearing a tightly belted slacker. In her hand was an automatic. And in her face was the determination to use it.

"I'm Raffigan," Pat said. "You didn't bring me all the way up here, just to shoot me?"

He saw the girl relax, almost visibly.

TO BE CONTINUED

MURDER FOR SALE

By Raoul Whitfield

(Final Instalment)

They went into the house, into the kitchen. The light was switched on. Updike lay as he had when Gil had tossed Maxlin his rod. Guy Maxlin was slumped back against the wall—the gun near his right hand. There was red on his lips and throat.

Gil Baggart leaned against a wall and half closed his eyes. Guy Maxlin was dead—but Sol Bradwell was still alive. And the man who stood near him now—Don Vannic. His plan had been half successful, perhaps not quite half. Maxlin and Updike were out of the way. Bradwell was alive.

Gil Baggart drew a deep breath. He was alive, but only because he had dropped to the floor of the front room—and hadn't fought Bradwell's men. He was sure that Vannic had never sent Freedman to the house. It had been a frame for a big killing—and it hadn't worked all the way.

Vannic said, "Did he talk any before he went out?"

Gil nodded. "Timmer murdered the mayor, Maxlin sent him over to do the job—and then made him quiet. He was afraid of a squeal."

Vannic said: "Jeeze—it was Timmer."

Gil said slowly: "He said Bradwell got Grayber."

"Maybe he was lyin', Baggart. We can talk to Bradwell. But we got to go easy. We can't be wrong—he's big."

Gil Baggart closed his eyes and nodded his head.

Vannic said: "Timmer murdered Kennell—and he's dead. Maybe Maxlin got Grayber—and lied at the finish, Baggart."

Gil Baggart opened his eyes a little

and looked down at Guy Maxlin. He said steadily:

"Well—maybe he did."

He went out to the rear yard and stood in the fog. He said in a grim whisper: "But more likely—he didn't."

From inside the house the voices of Don Vannic and the detectives reached him. Bradwell and Vannic—and those they could buy, against what was left of Centre City law.

Vannic's voice reached him: "Let the press in on this. Baggart and Updike get credit. Some of Maxlin's mob were in here with him—they got away."

Gil smiled with his lips. He hadn't said anything about the others—the ones who had come in through the two doors. But Vannic knew about that. He was covering things up—fixing them right.

Vannic said: "Oh, Baggart—you ready to go back with us? I'll leave a man here. You feel all right?"

Gil Baggart went towards the kitchen. He said in a steady voice: "Yeah—I'm all right, Chief."

Vannic said softly: "That's a good job, Baggart."

Gil Baggart nodded his head. It was a good job, he was thinking, but he wasn't so sure that it was good for Centre City.

Vannic said: "You need some sleep, Baggart."

Gil smiled a little. He didn't like the way Vannic used the word "sleep." It had a peculiar tone. But he nodded his head.

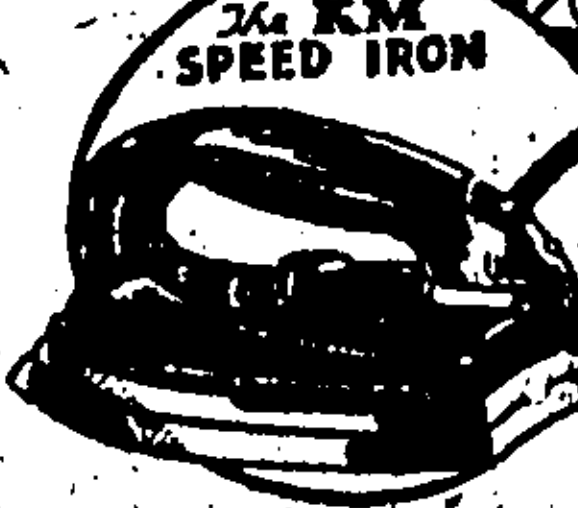
"Yeah—" he said very slowly—"in a room with windows—and with a good lock on the door."

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CONDUCTOR'S ART

To many, the conductor of an orchestra is an individual who forms an essential—almost traditional—part of any orchestral or choral concert. According to taste, he may be either immaculate in tails or an "arty" Bohemian, complete with long hair and floppy-bow tie. In point of actual fact, the latter type is no more than a fictional invention, giving endless material for burlesque, I agree, but none the less not a true-to-life type.

What does a conductor do? In the answer to that question must lie many facets of musical art, many fine points which defy an adequate written description. First and foremost, he interprets the music of the composer. By so doing, not only does he observe the allegros and andantes, or "cue in" the brass at exactly the right time, but more than that is involved. If he is a conductor of calibre, he will, by some means, impress his personality, his ideas, his approach to the music. The sum total of all his efforts. In this direction is conveniently gathered into the one word—interpretation. Possibly the use of this word is not as happily employed here as it might be, since a charge of ambiguity may well be sustained against me. For to the lover of music, the conductor is but a graceful substitute for a metronome, a mere automaton, who waves his hands, arms and body in a most impressive fashion, but is, after all, only there to beat time and make sure every member of the orchestra finishes at the same time!

The conductor's role falls very broadly into two distinct classifications—rehearsal and performance. Each is a perfect complement of the other, for quite surely there can be no performance without rehearsal and no rehearsal without performance. The true ground-work of the conductor is, of course, undertaken during the rehearsal period. Here is the time when his ideas can be put over, stressed and re-stressed until the ideal is achieved. Note it may only be the conductor's ideal, which can be a very different thing from the composer's!

Not all the talents of the individuals comprising the orchestra can alleviate the sorrows and tribulations of under-rehearsal. The conductor must, therefore, have a very thorough working knowledge of all the instruments of the orchestra, with an adequate appreciation, to say the very least, of the technical difficulties required to be overcome in any particular passage. "If, on such occasions, the conductor is unable to formulate or communicate to his players any idea of what is required, it is obvious that any meritorious performance is out of the question. In brief, the conductor must be a man of parts, able at all times to explain the music in terms of the instrumentalist he is addressing. It requires, therefore, but a small stretch of imagination for the reader to realise that the perfect conductor—completely equipped—is about as chimerical as the phoenix, since one lifetime is all too brief a span for a man to acquire a full working knowledge of the limitless details of the orchestra". Thus says Edwin Evans; and I quote at length because this seems to sum up this particular aspect as well as anything I know.

The flame of inspiration must be a sacred trust in the conductor's hands. To him is given the opportunity to create an edifice of sound or a temple of musical ruin. Which it is to be rests almost completely on the shoulders of the conductor. It is in this connection, probably more than any other, that the conductor's gestures and personal magnetism count more than in any other connection. By glance or gesture, he is able to convey a wealth of meaning to the orchestra assembled under his baton. There is doubtless some bond of sympathy, some almost telepathic communication, which in itself is a quality that is inherent.

Contributed By "MUSSETTA"

herent. It is either vouchsafed or it is not—a sixth sense, endowed by nature in generous mood on but a few fortunate mortals.

Unhappily this aspect of music has been laid open to some measure of abuse. Avid to achieve and maintain a place in the public, the charlatan-conductor gestures and struts, betraying with every move the composer whose music he allegedly interprets. The undiscerning and the lover of the sensational interpret such clowning as some mysterious endowment of providence, the true issue being completely shrouded in a welter of theatrical and meaningless gesticulations.

The earnest musician, however, asks for nothing more than to be able to give an honest reading of the music he endeavours to interpret. No unnecessary gesture is interpolated which will react so as to place himself between the music and audience.

The baton he wields, as the surgeon's knife or the painter's brush, can and should be the means of erection of a pattern of sound which must be an honest interpretation of the composer's intentions. The conductor then, is much more than a mere beater of time. He collectively and visually is the music, the medium by which strings, brass, wood-wind and percussion are welded into one mighty device. Let him therefore be conscious of the trust bestowed on him, and let "nothing mean mark the memorable" scene as he ascends the rostrum, raises his baton and thus becomes the arch-priest conducting a ritual of music worship.

Easter Sunday

David Keith-Hardy and a hard-working staff are doing a grand job of work for all the listeners today. Radio is on the air continuously from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. on this well-loved holiday, and music and entertainment of all types are in abundant profusion. Although early-morning radio is not yet available, let it be admitted that the Programme Staff and Announcers are always ready to give full and generous measure when the powers-that-be so permit.

At 10:30 a.m. there is to be heard a programme of excerpts from "The Messiah," among which is included:

"I know that my Redeemer Liveth"
"Why do the Nations?"
"Hallelujah" Chorus.

Isobell Baillie sings the first-named aria, which is enough to set the seal of success on it without further ado. Isobell Baillie is still almost supreme amongst British sopranos, particularly in the world of Oratorio. There must be many music-lovers in the Colony who, like myself, have heard Miss Baillie sing "The Messiah" in person and it still seems to me that there are very few who can come anywhere near to her for purity of tone and depth of feeling in this aria.

For bass-baritones there is no harder test than the long involved phrases of "Why do the Nations so furiously rage together?" This is thrilling music of the highest order, sung in this recording by Norman Walker. Norman Walker is a comparatively young man who is rapidly establishing himself as a leading baritone and his interpretation of this typical Handel aria presages well for the future of English vocal music.

The magnificent climaxes of the Hallelujah Chorus are surely too well known to make any comment other than superfluous.

From 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Aileen Woods is on the air again with another of her popular "Songs from the Shows" features. The feature she has chosen to present is a new Cole Porter show "Kiss Me Kate," which is how having a tremendous Broadway success. I know nothing of this production and even if I did, it would be stealing Aileen Woods privilege to divulge the story and music of what is certainly entirely new musical-comedy to the Colony. The name of Cole Porter is enough to ensure the music will be tuneful and attractive.

At 6:45 p.m. the Symphony Concert to be heard comprises:

Symphonie Espagnole. Lalo.

Symphony No. 4 in G. Dvorak.

Lalo's name is chiefly remembered today for his "Symphonie Espagnole", a misleading title. It would better be described as Romance for violin and orchestra. I cannot help recalling when I first heard this work in England. In those days, as a very, very junior clerk in a certain Town Hall, I had to pass the Concert Hall where an orchestra was rehearsing this work. The papers I was supposed to deliver were long delayed while I slipped inside the door and listened to this music. Probably for this reason, I have a peculiar affection for this work, whatever its merits or demerits. There are some really glorious passages for the fiddle in this romantic work.

Dvorak's No. 4 Symphony is no newcomer to listeners to Radio Hong Kong, although, if my memory is correct, it was about September of 1948 when it was last heard. As with Schubert and Mendelssohn, Dvorak appeared to have had an inexhaustible source of inspiration on which to draw for the production of lovely insistent melodies. Although the Dvorak No. 5 ("New World") has gained an outstanding popularity, it is, I feel, a matter of comparative degree. In musical worth, critics agree the No. 4 is intrinsically the more to be praised. However, the best test is to let the music speak for itself, as it surely will tonight.

Easter Monday

Today, there are continuous programmes on the air from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. More good work!

At 9:10 p.m. "Concerto Hour" features Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto. This, Beethoven's fifth and last pianoforte concerto, opens with the entry of the solo instrument. The conception as a whole is on a grand scale, which gives the soloist an outstanding chance of showing off his paces. Virility is the key-note of the first movement, which contrasts sharply with the exquisite tenderness of the second. There is an almost Mozartian air of gracious delicacy about this movement, giving even further evidence that the powers of the soloist are tested to the full in the solo part.

At 9:50 p.m. the Garrison players are giving a "live" broadcast of their forthcoming production of "Ten Little Niggers," by Agatha Christie.

Space and time prevent further details of the rest of the week's programme, but I would like to conclude with the traditional wish of "Happy Listening" to readers over the holiday week-end. And also thanks again to Radio Hong Kong's staff for their endeavours in trying to make this wish susceptible of fulfilment.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. South America.
2. San Marino.
3. In Italy, near the Adriatic coast.
4. Helvetia.
5. Nicolas the Second.
6. The Gota Canal, in Sweden.

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Canada and the United States.
2. Mr. Walter Fletcher.
3. The Canadian House of Commons.
4. Re-elected in the County elections.
5. Annecy, in France.
6. \$99,000,000.

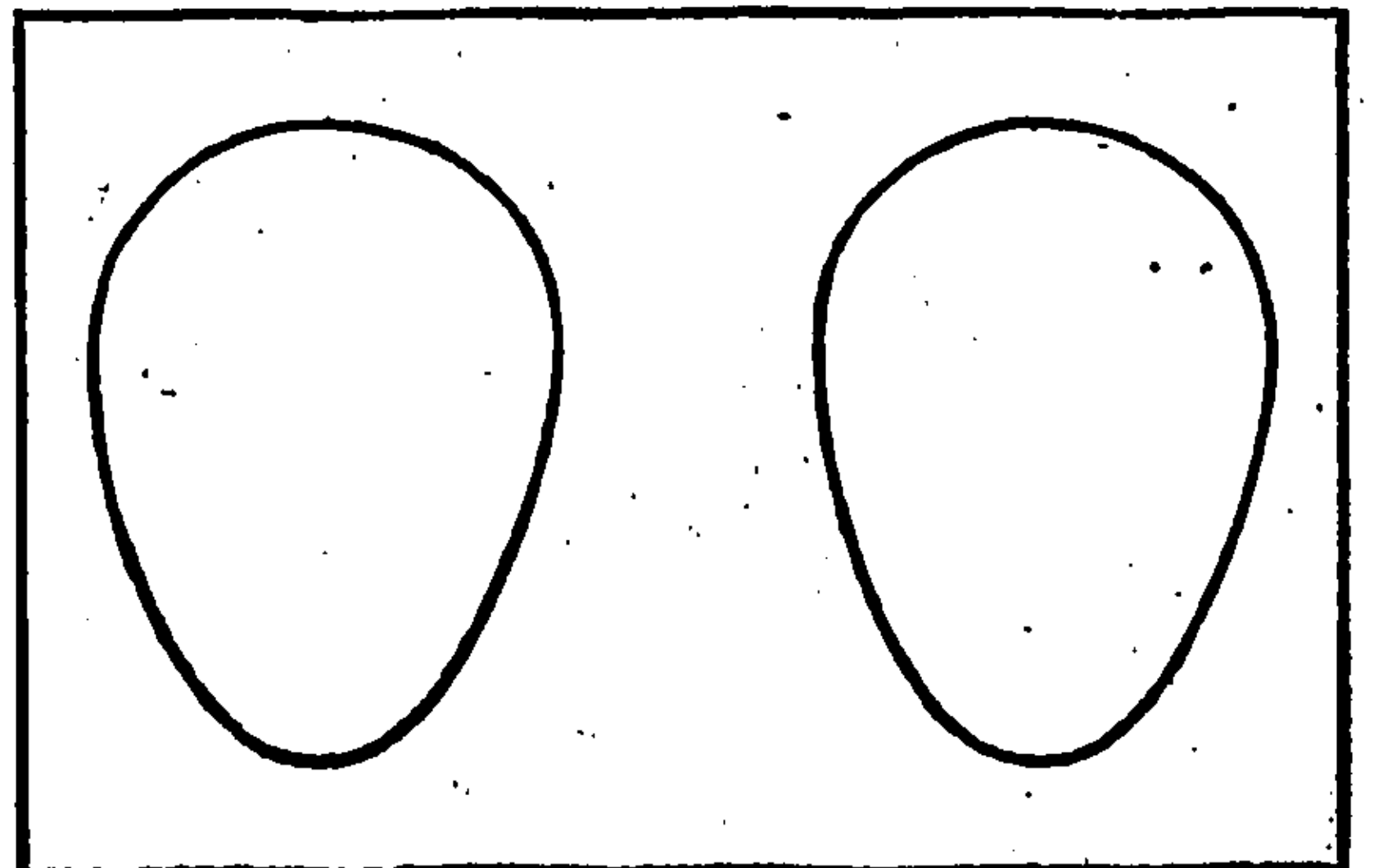
Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER...



A very HAPPY EASTER to everyone!
Did Bunny Rabbit bring you a lot of Easter Eggs? Some of them are really lovely, aren't they? And you just don't want to eat them but look at them all the time.
I do hope the winners of the "Easter Competition" have already received their eggs. I did have a hard time picking out the winners, for so many of them were very good. I do wish I had more eggs to give away. However, congratulations to all those who have won an Easter Egg; your painting was excellent.
Thanks to all those who sent me Easter cards and Greetings. They were lovely and I think it's very sweet of you children to have remembered me.
This week's competition is full of fun. I tried it myself too and I enjoyed it. With just those two blank eggs, you can give them a funny or pretty face. I think you'll like it and I'm expecting a nice big pile of entries.
Happy days to you all, from

A FACE, PLEASE



Merry Moments

Harold had been away from school with a sore throat. He handed the teacher a note which read: "Please don't give Harold any more French for a while. His throat is so sore he can hardly speak English."

Little Johnny was busy writing. "Are you writing to your cousin?" asked his mother. "I'm writing to myself," replied Johnny. "And what are you writing about?" asked his mother. "I don't know," replied Johnny. "I haven't received my letter yet."

Auntie Vee

Easter Egg Winners

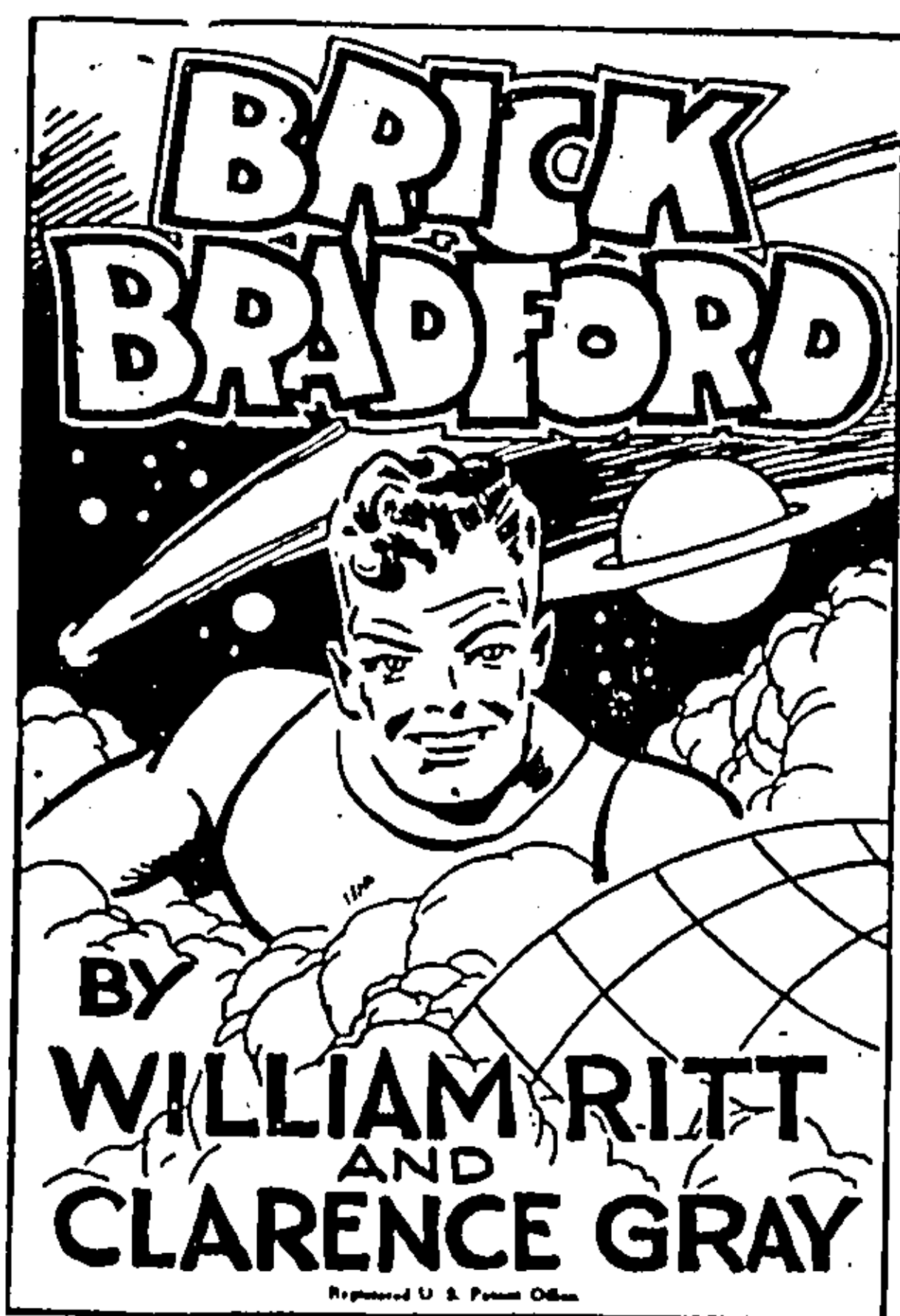
First prizes go to Durate Lopes of 5, Humphrey's Avenue, Kowloon and David Stewart of 292, The Peak, Hong Kong.
Consolation prizes go to Arthur Hamid of 114, Tung Lo Wan Road, 2nd floor, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, Hugh Chau of 23, Cumberland Road, Kowloon-Tong, Judy Stewart of 2, Branksome Towers, May Road, Hong Kong, Wendy Wilson of 56 Harbour View Hotel, Kowloon, Billy Sinclair of 204, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, Gloria Kinsley of 19, Stanley Fort, Hong Kong, Gabrielle D'Amato of 7, Hillwood Road, 2nd floor, Kowloon, Feta Ann Indge Buckingham of 357A, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, Roberta Ann Compton of Eu Gardens, Argyle St., Kowloon, and Mary Reed of 244, Nathan Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.

"I have no face, won't you give me one? I want a nose, a mouth, eyes, ears and oh! everything to make me complete," said the first egg.
The second one said, "I feel sad, so I do hope the child that's going to give me a face will give me a sad one," and the other one said, "I feel happy, and I trust someone will give me a happy face."
Thus they kept on talking.
So won't you, dear children, give them a face? You can give them a smiling face, a crying face, a laughing face, a funny face and in fact any kind of a face you would like to give them.

This competition should prove very interesting and there will be two first prizes of \$5 each and six consolation prizes of \$2 each.
You can send in as many entries as you like to Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.
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NEXT WEEK
THE FINAL
BATTLE
BEGINS

BUZ SAWYER

By Roy Crane

A Day In The Life Of A Hawker

I am an egg hawker, and my name is Tommy.

Every day I get up early before sunrise, getting ready what I need, (that is a basket of eggs) and after a plain breakfast I start out to work.

Usually as I pass through the streets and roads I call aloud, "Mai gai dan" (eggs for sale). The streets are usually very quiet, especially in the winter time when everybody is in dreamland. What I can hear is my echo.

One day late in the morning I passed along a crowded street with my basket behind my back and called aloud as usual. Suddenly I heard some one calling, "Way, buy eggs." I stopped and looked around, and in a distance I saw a lady with a long plait behind her.

"Are your eggs fresh?" she asked.
"Sure madam" I replied.
"How many for a dollar?" she asked again.
"Six" I said.
"So dear" she said curiously. "Seven for a dollar, alright?"
"No, only it is to you I sell six for a dollar, to other people I sell only four." I answered. She looked impatiently and tried to walk away.
"Ah! please come back madam," I shouted.

"Only for once, as it is morning time." Then she came back with a smiling face, and picked out seven. After paying a dollar she went away happily.

After her came more ladies and gentlemen, all bargained in the same way as the first one.

It was late in the afternoon when I reached to another street. The day was hot and I sat resting under a verandah. My eggs were nearly sold and next to me there were also some hawkers, some were selling vegetables, some were selling fruits. As I was counting the eggs that remained, suddenly I heard a call, "Get ready the police are coming, we must run quickly, hurry up."

All at once the hawkers started to pack and to run as quickly as they could. I too, taking up my basket and ran because I have no licence.

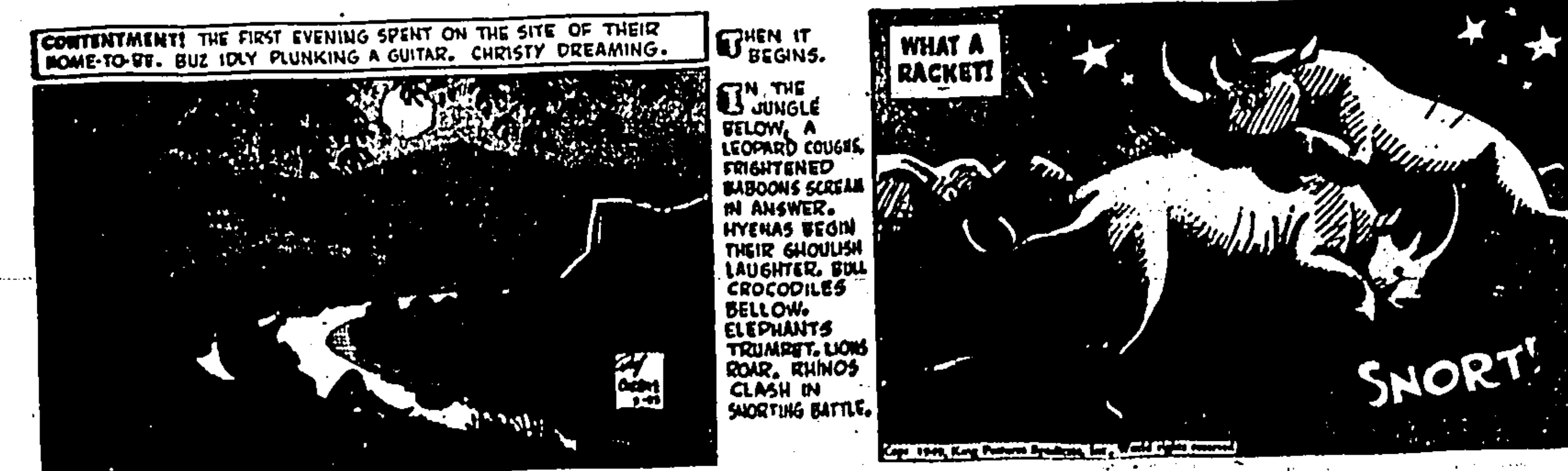
But after a time I heard some people say that a naughty boy had pretended to be the police and played tricks on us. Everybody was angry including me but no one could find out who that boy was.

Honour certificate to Irene Wan of 1, On Lan Street, 3rd floor, Hong Kong.

An Account Of A Rabbit

I am a rabbit and I am covered with fur. I was born in the forest. I have a short tail and a pair of red eyes. I can run very fast, for I am a fine big rabbit. I have dug three paths under the ground. When chased by the hunter, I ran into the path, so the hunters could not catch me. One day when I was playing in the forest, I saw a hunter coming towards me. He thrust his spear at me before I could escape. It was painful and I could not run away. So I fell and was caught. I was then sold to a small boy who loved me very much. He gave me vegetable to eat and made me comfortable. But when I grew old and became sick, he didn't want me any more, then I ran back to the forest and lived happily there ever after.

Honour certificate Lam Tin Sit of 6, Caroline Hill Road, ground floor, Hong Kong.



My Rabbit

I have a small white bunny,
His ears are chocolate brown,
His fur is soft and cuddly,
Like a baby duckling's down.

His home is in the corner,
Beside the garden wall,
It's always warm and cosy,
So he never catch cold at all.

If I give him little carrots,
He'll sit and chew and chew,
He is very fond of turnips, and
lettuce too,
That's my rabbit.

Honour certificate to Geoffrey
L. Trueman of 20, Jubilee Build-
ings, Shum Shui Po.

The Twins.

One day two twins Mary and Sally were walking down the road when they met a poor boy. The boy was begging for alms, and he was only about five years of age. They had a dollar each and Sally said, "Let's give him 50 cents each." Mary said, "Alright." They gave him the money and then went home and told their mother about it.

The next day, the twins went out with their mother and saw this poor boy begging again by the side of the road, and they felt really sorry, so they gave him a dollar each. When they went home they found on their beds a chain and a gold cross. Then they understood that the boy had given the money to Christ, Jesus and not to a poor boy.

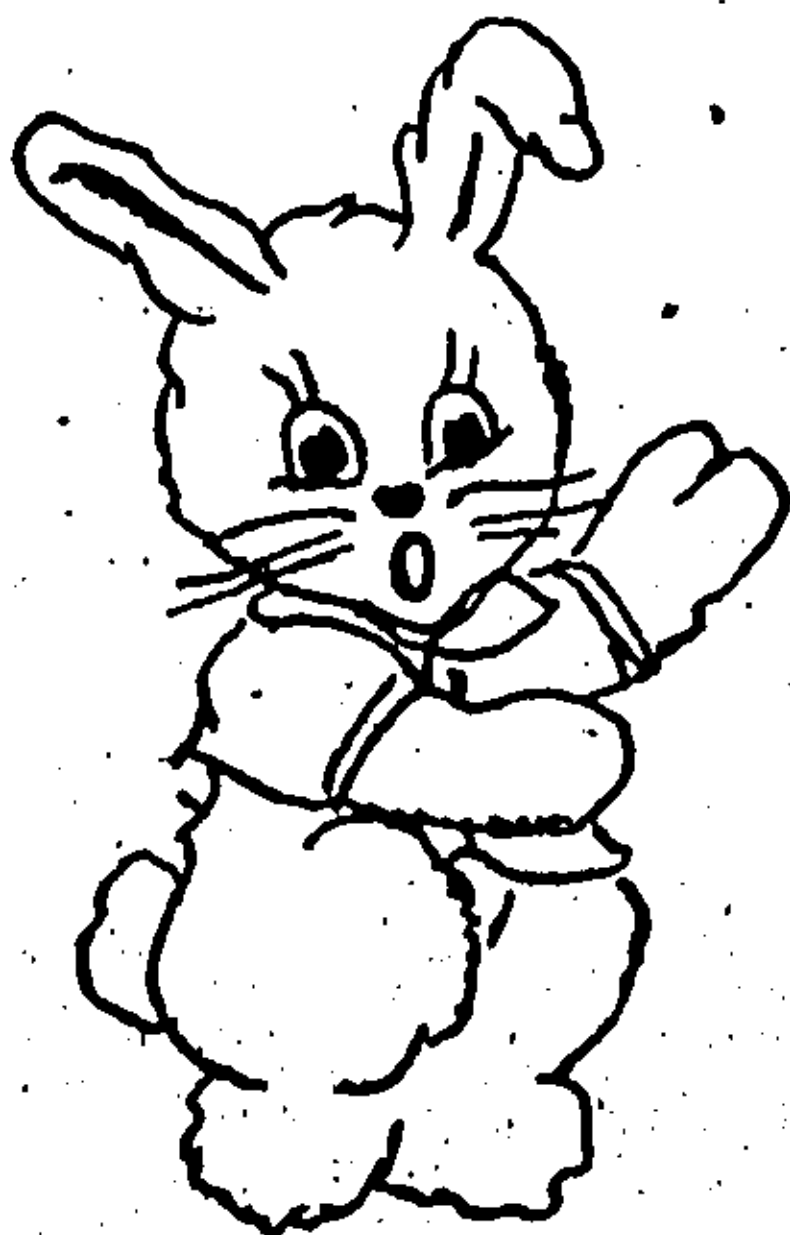
Kindness often pays.
Honour certificate to Frances
Silva of 4, Observatory Road,
Kowloon.

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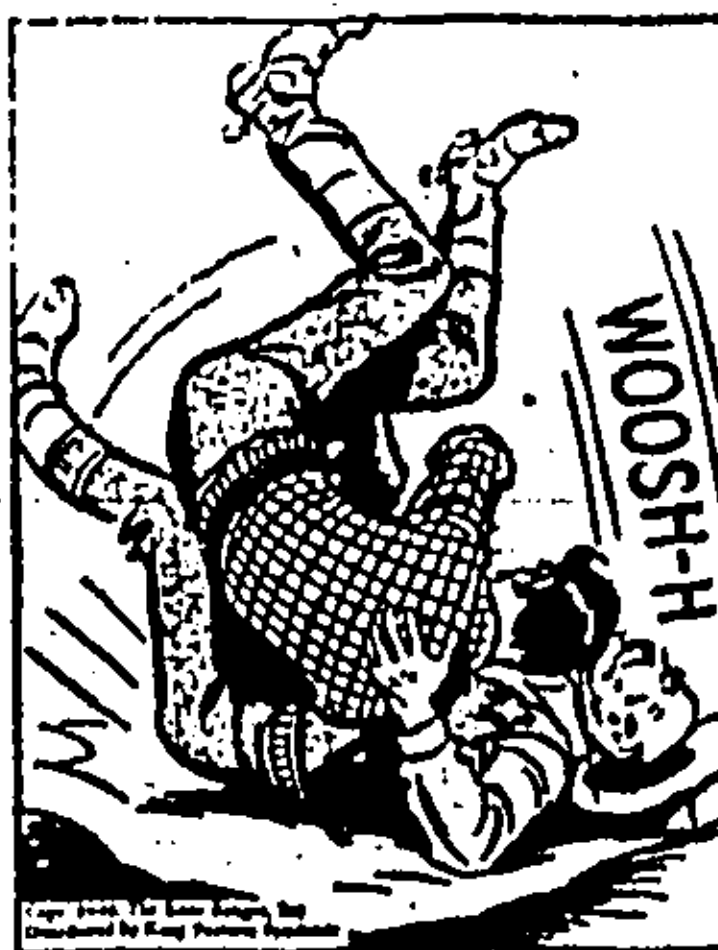
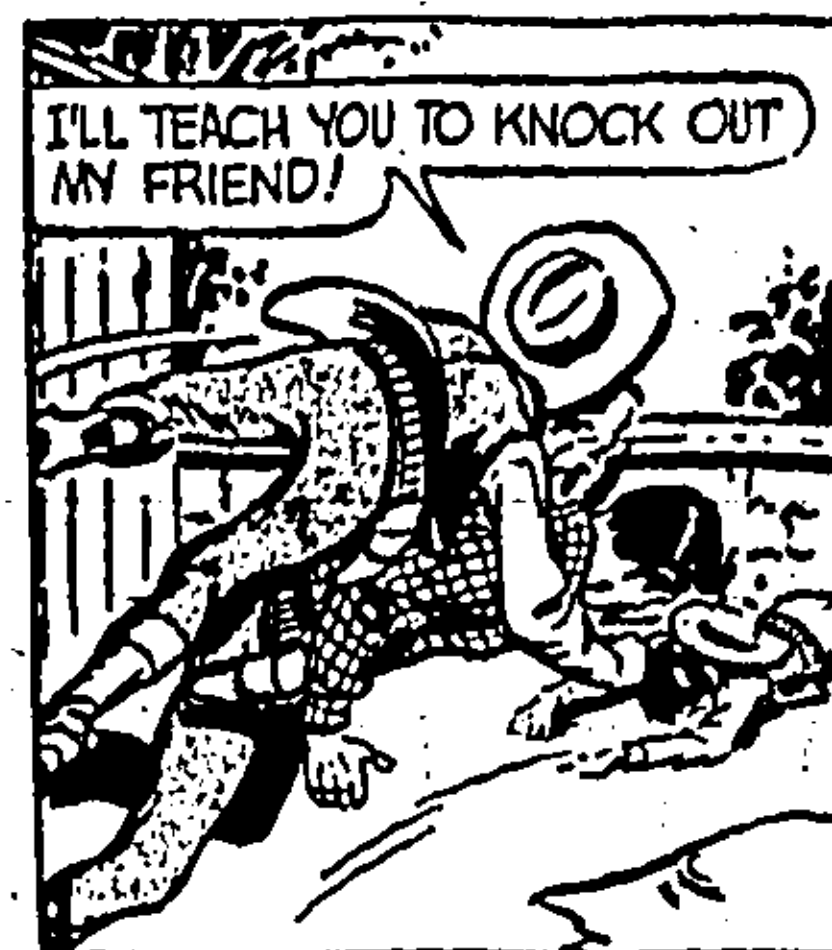
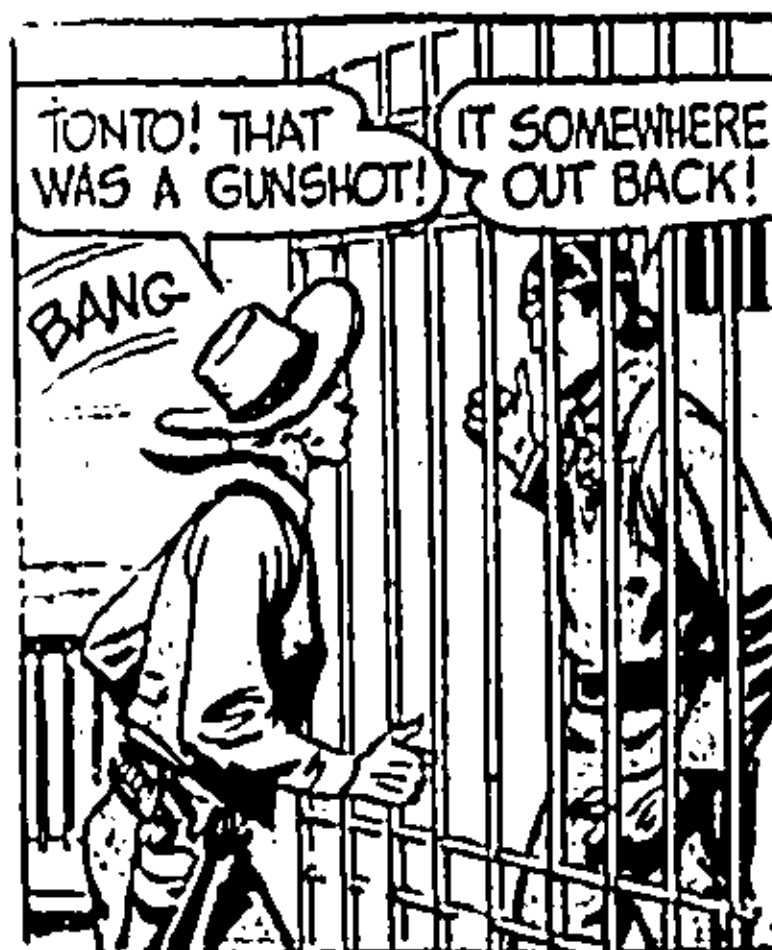
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Gutierrez of Ma Tau Chung
Eastern Camp, Kowloon.

THE LONE RANGER

By Fran Striker

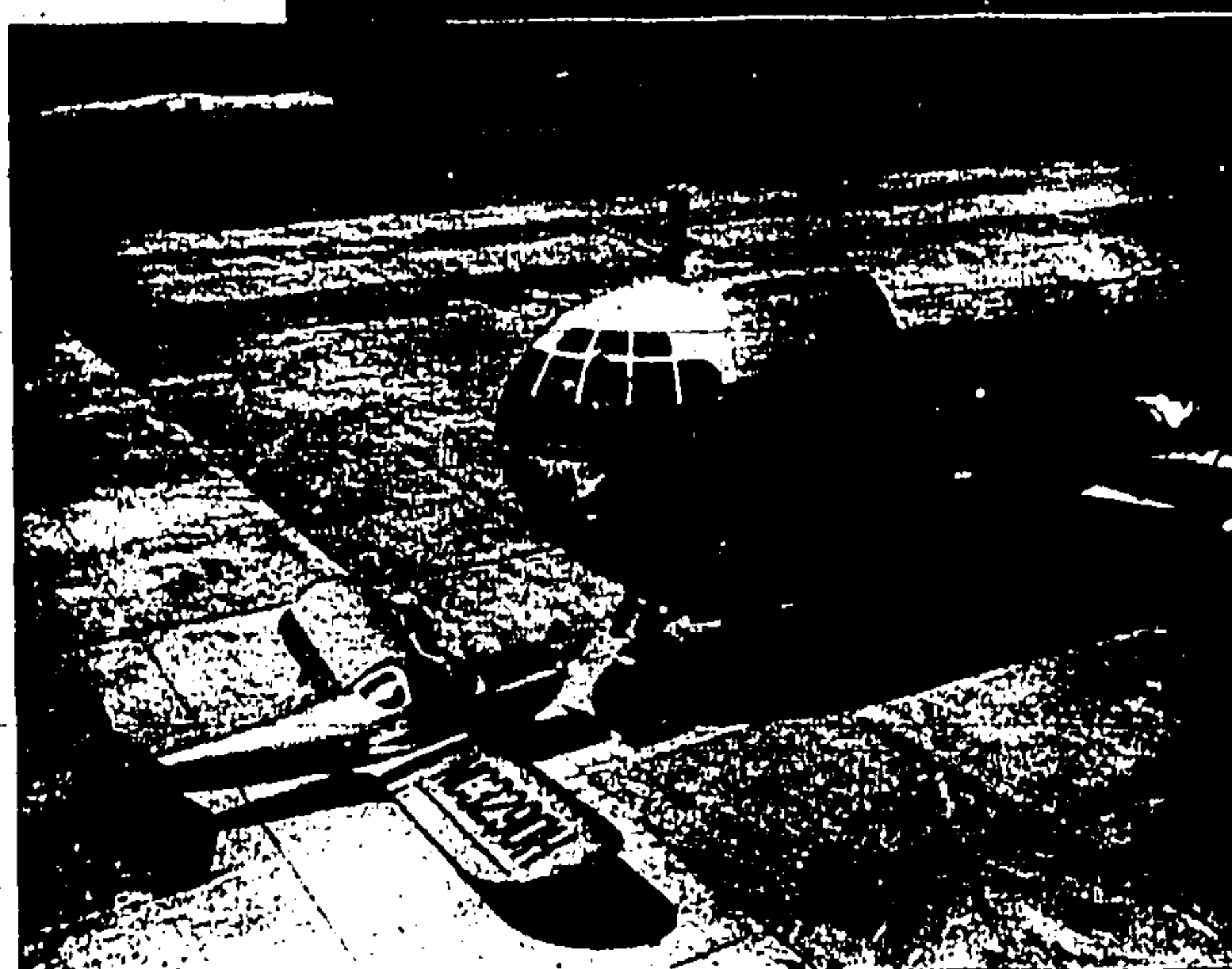


SUNDAY HERALD Pictorial



Pan-American World Airways' Clipper America, the biggest commercial land plane in the world.

The world's biggest commercial aircraft, Clipper America, of Pan-American World Airways. The private plane looks like a toy beside it.



HMS Sussex men lining up after disembarking from HMS Belfast on which they have been serving since last January when their own ship sailed for England. The men are going home soon. — "China Mail" Photo.

Personnel of HMS Sussex disembarked from HMS Belfast last week for HMS Tamar where they will stay until they leave for home. Their own ship, Sussex, left for England in January last. — "China Mail" Photo.

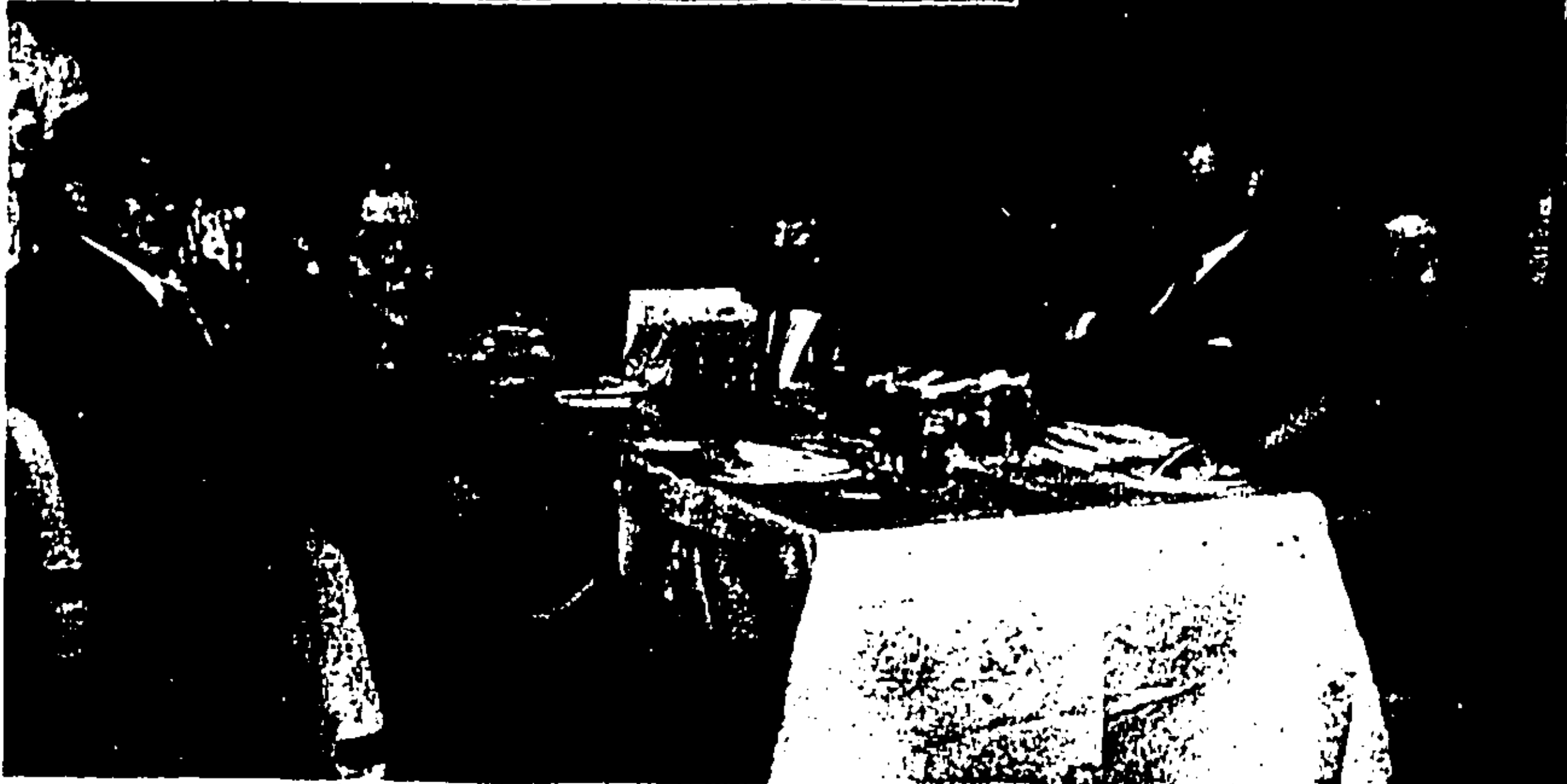


One of the principal items on the programme of the Combined Royal Marines Orchestral Concert at the China Fleet Club last week was the solo singing by Miss Margaret Stuart. — "China Mail" Photo.



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, attended the Annual Charity Ball of the Hong Kong Rotary Club. Sir Alexander was met at the entrance of the Hong Kong Hotel by Mrs. D. S. Hill, wife of the Rotary Club's President.—"China Mail" Photo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Kees and their group of friends were among the many individual parties at the Rotary Club's annual ball at the Hong Kong Hotel.—"China Mail" Photo.



These were the fashion models who shared in making Annual Charity Ball of the Hong Kong Rotary Club an event.—"China Mail" Photo.



Here is a foursome who found the Annual Ball of the Hong Kong Rotary Club most entertaining. They are Mr. & Mrs. V. C. Labrum and Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Labrum.—"China Mail" Photo.



Mr. M. Elias was among the artists who helped in making the Annual Charity Ball a success. He sang the song "Tight for Eight."—"China Mail" Photo.

Here is one of the bigger individual parties which patronised the Annual Charity Ball of the Hong Kong Rotary Club.—"China Mail" Photo.

The Annual Rowing Dinner of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was held on April 6 at Kellat Island. Here are Messrs. Bickford, Dalziel, Yardley, Sweet and Blown who were among those present.—Butterfly Studio.



A successful Rowing Dinner—an annual event of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club—was held recently at Kellat Island. In this group are Lieutenant Commander Bromley-Martin, Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher and A. G. Dalziel.—Butterfly Studio.



The "Fight for Sight" outstanding success.—



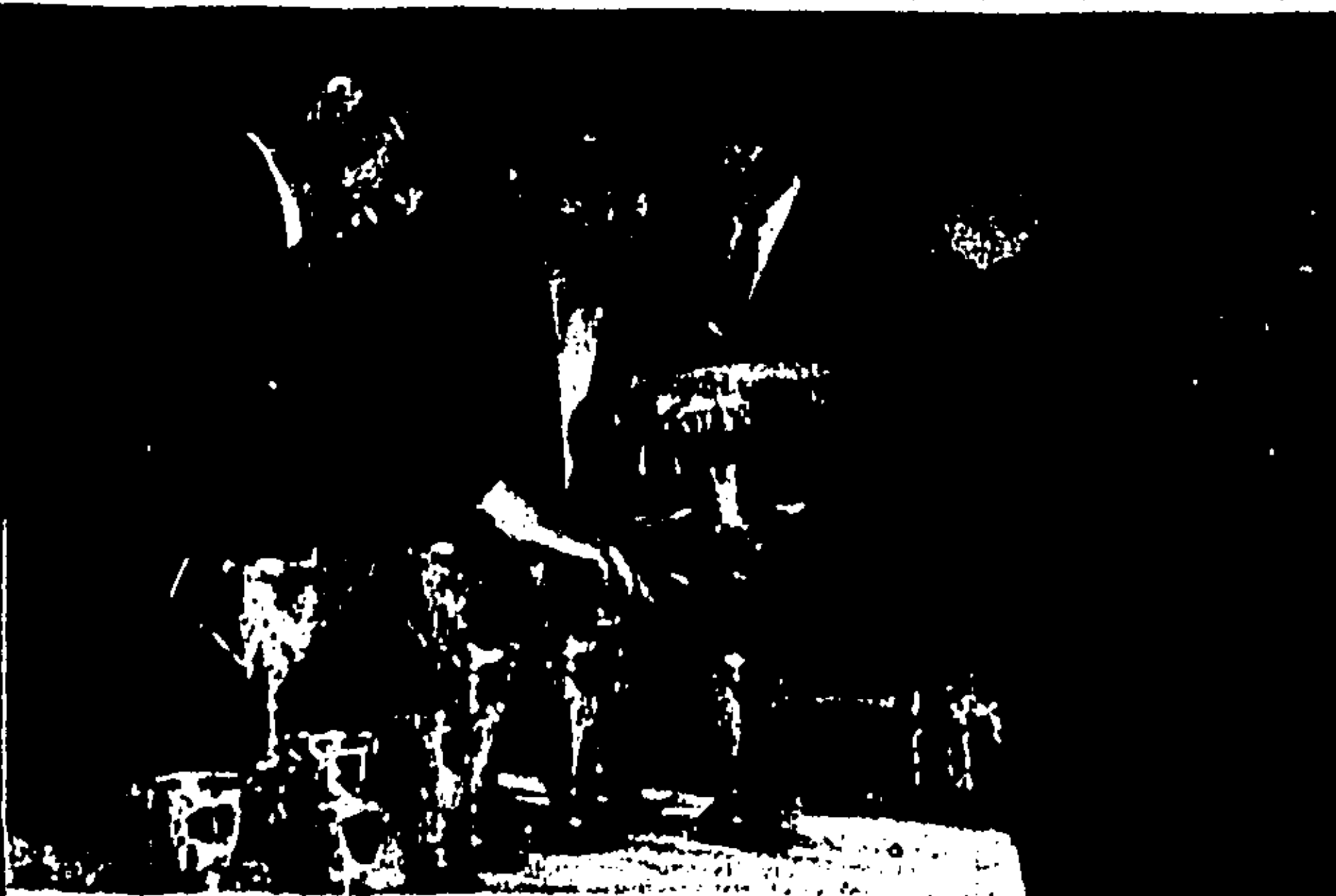
Tue Yiu-tak, custodian of the China team, jumps in time to prevent England's centre-forward, Rafferty, from heading the ball into the net. China won by five goals to two in the International Charity Cup Soccer Competition.—"China Mail" Photo.



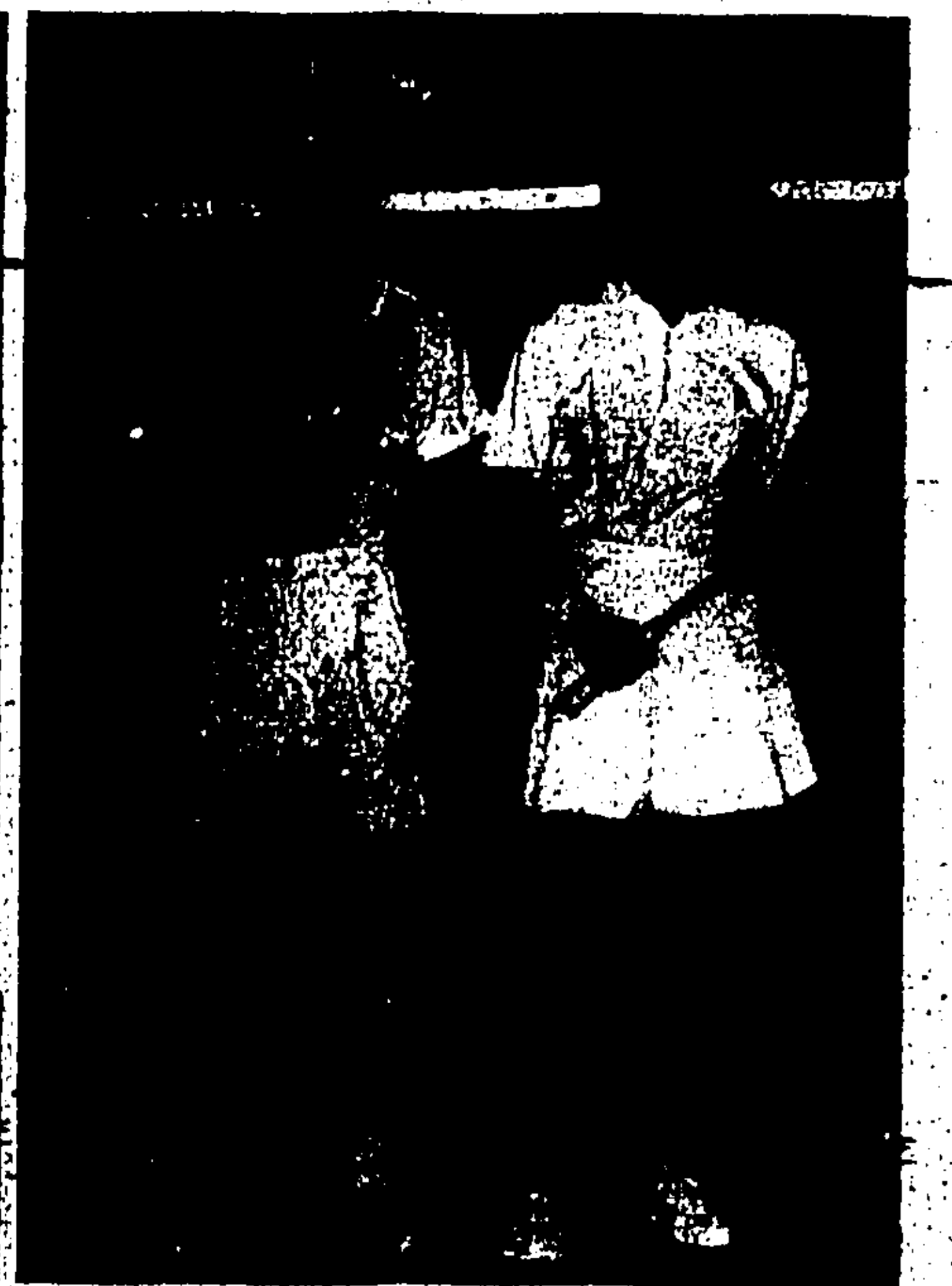
One of the oldest Indian firms in Hong Kong, Tyeb and Company, celebrated its 50th anniversary recently with a cocktail party.—"China Mail" Photo.



the Rotary Club's Charity.—"China Mail" Photo.



Lady Man-kam Lo distributed the trophies and other prizes to the winners in the tennis championships and tournaments organised by the Chinese Recreation Club, the Ladies' Recreation Club, and by the Tennis League.—"China Mail" Photo.



Mr. D. C. Lau and Miss Helen Wong, winners of the Colony Junior Mixed Doubles Badminton Championship.—"China Mail" Photo.

Winners of the Colony Men's Singles and Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles Badminton Championships.—"China Mail" Photo.



A formal group of Warrant Officers and Sergeants of 25th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. Colonel D. J. A. Lamont, Commanding the Regiment, is in the centre of the front row.

Mr. and Mrs. Mei Dick-chun. The couple was married in Hong Kong recently. The bride is a graduate of the China National Medical College, Shanghai.



John Man-kit Leung, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Leung, was christened at the Catholic Cathedral on April 10. The Reverend Fr. J. Alessio officiated.—"China Mail" Photo.

In honour of their daughters, Ann and Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wood, held a Teen-Age Party at their residence last week. Ann and Elaine were due to leave on April 15 for England.—"China Mail" Photo.



Graham Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Smith, celebrated his birthday anniversary on April 1. Here are the friends who turned up at The Peak Mansions to wish him "Many Happy Returns of The Day."—Ming Yuen Studio.



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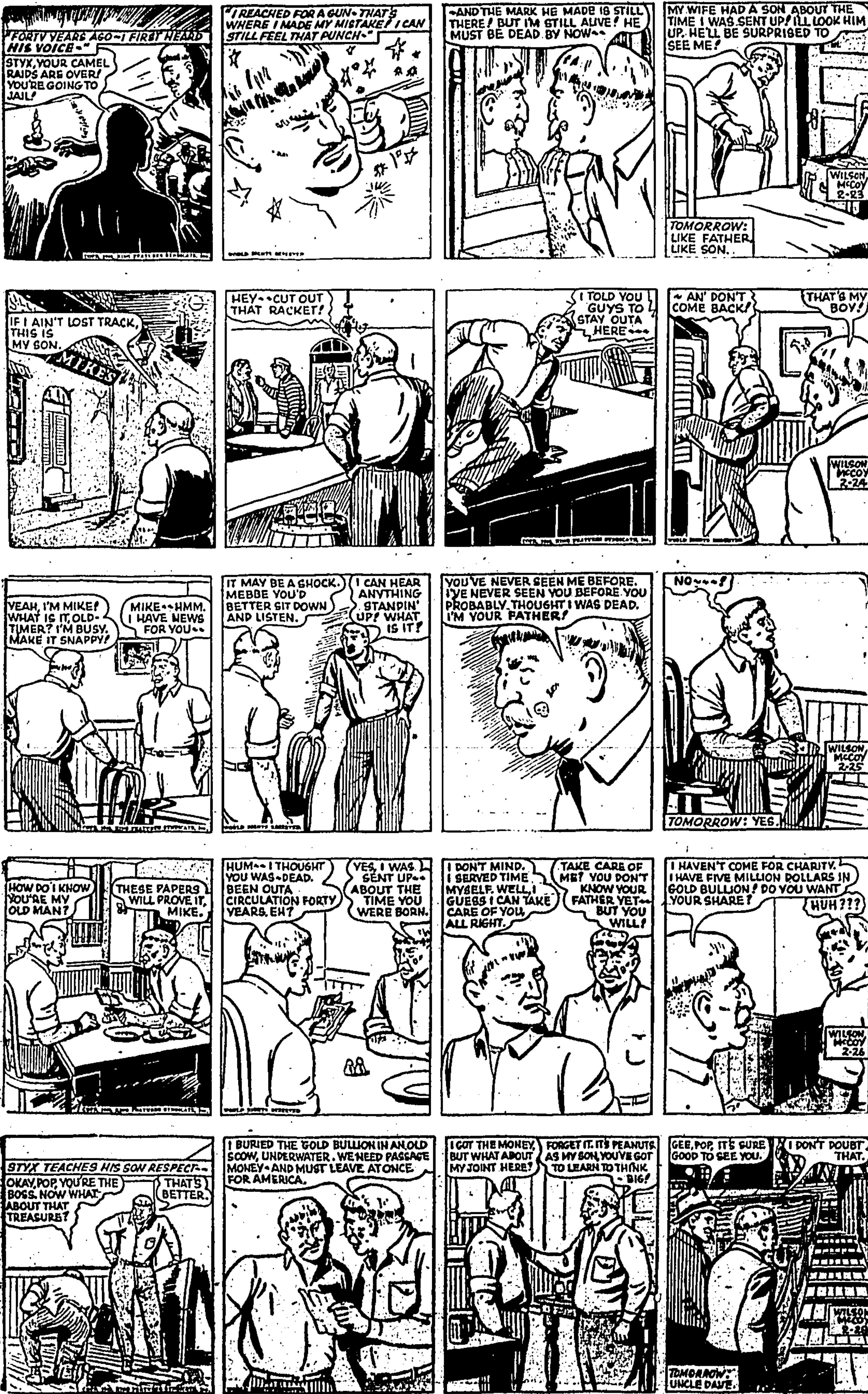
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THE PHANTOM

By Lee Falk and Ray Moore

Where Red Leaf Skipped



Ogo autumn day, red leaf took hold of Mr. Wind's hand and went skipping across the orchard. Skip, skip skip!

"It's much pleasanter wearing a red dress and skipping about than wearing a green one and fluttering on an apple tree," she laughed.

And because the sun was warm and the wind was merry, red leaf decided to skip to the end of the world.

She skipped through the lane and across the garden where there were still a few golden pumpkins on the vines, and she skipped down the road. But before she could come to the end of the world, great gray clouds covered up the sun, and Mr. Wind grew cold and blustery, and he yanked and jerked her hither and yon.

"Oh dear," sighed red leaf. "I'll never reach the end of the world at this rate. Besides, I wish I could rest awhile."

"Skip!" roared Mr. Wind crossly. So red leaf skipped. And presently she met Brown Rabbit on the other side of the pasture fence.

"Where are you going so fast?" asked Brown Rabbit.

"I suppose I must skip to the end of the world," said red leaf wearily.

"Then race me across the pasture," said Brown Rabbit, who liked to race better than he liked to eat.

"Is that on my way?" asked red leaf.

"I don't know. I've never been there," replied Brown Rabbit. "But I do know that it's on the way to the briar patch, and it looks as if it might snow," shivered red leaf.

"Yes, yes, I know," said Brown Rabbit impatiently. "That's why I want to get home as fast as I can. Will you or won't you race me across the pasture?"

"I might as well," sighed red leaf.

"Then get on your mark, get set, go!" called Brown Rabbit, and whizz away he hopped with red leaf skipping along beside him.

But the pasture grass kept tripping red leaf and slowing her down, and soon Brown Rabbit had left her far behind. Even Mr. Wind went off and left her.

"At least, I'm glad Mr. Wind is gone," said red leaf miserably. "Now I can rest for a while. But it's getting cold. If I only had a little home of my own, I'd creep into it and sleep all winter."

"Pardon me," chirped a voice. "I couldn't help hearing what you said."

Startled, red leaf looked up. There sat Bobby Cricket on the edge of an empty nest.

"Here's just the place for you," he chirped, buttoning his black coat tight about him, for now it was beginning to snow. "The meadow larks have come South, and they left this nest for anyone who might need it. And, believe me, it's the coziest nest you ever saw."

"Oh! A little home of my own!" cried red leaf happily. "Thank you, Bobby Cricket, for finding it for me."

Red leaf crept inside the lark's nest, and the snow came down and covered her up warm and snug in a soft, white blanket.

"This is better than the end of the world," said red leaf. And she fell asleep, and there she slept all winter long.

Who Am I?

My first is D.
My second is O.
My third is G.
Bow-wow-wow!
Who Am I?
Honour certificate to **Fan**
Rubong Tat of 88, Robinson Road,
2nd floor, Hong Kong.

YOUR DREAMS & WHAT THEY MEAN

GARRET—An advancement in position should come speedily.
GATHER—to dream of picking up money is a fortunate sign; if you are gathering fruit, it refers to pleasure or enjoyment. Flowers concern one's sweetheart especially.

GEMS—Jewels are not favourable omens in a dream, nor is an excessive display of luxury.

GIFT—Beware of the person from whom you receive a gift.

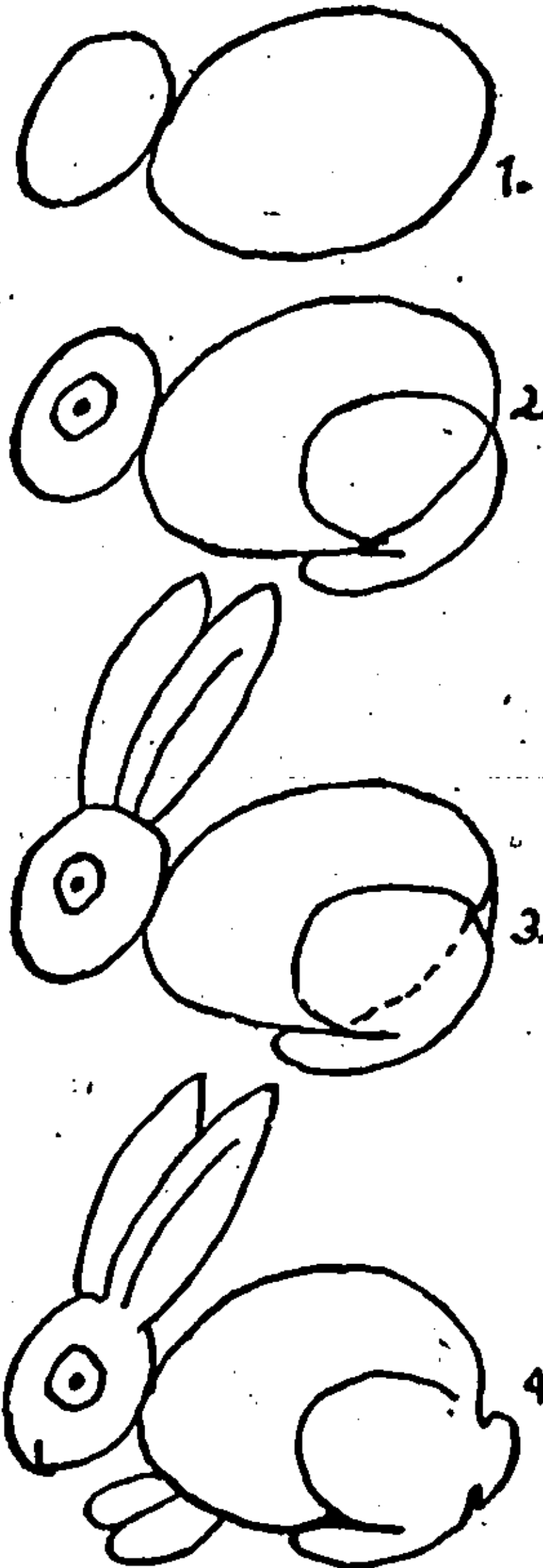
GIRL—Surprising news: a reply long delayed will reach you at last.

GOLF—To dream that you are spending your time playing games, is a warning that your other affairs need attention.

GROUND—To dream that you are stretched out on the ground signifies a humble status for some time to come.

GUESTS—Not a fortunate dream. The more visitors who come to you, the greater will be your difficulties.

STEP BY STEP



To do these "Step-By-Step" drawings, start with the simple lines of Figure 1. Then add the other ones till your sketch is finished.

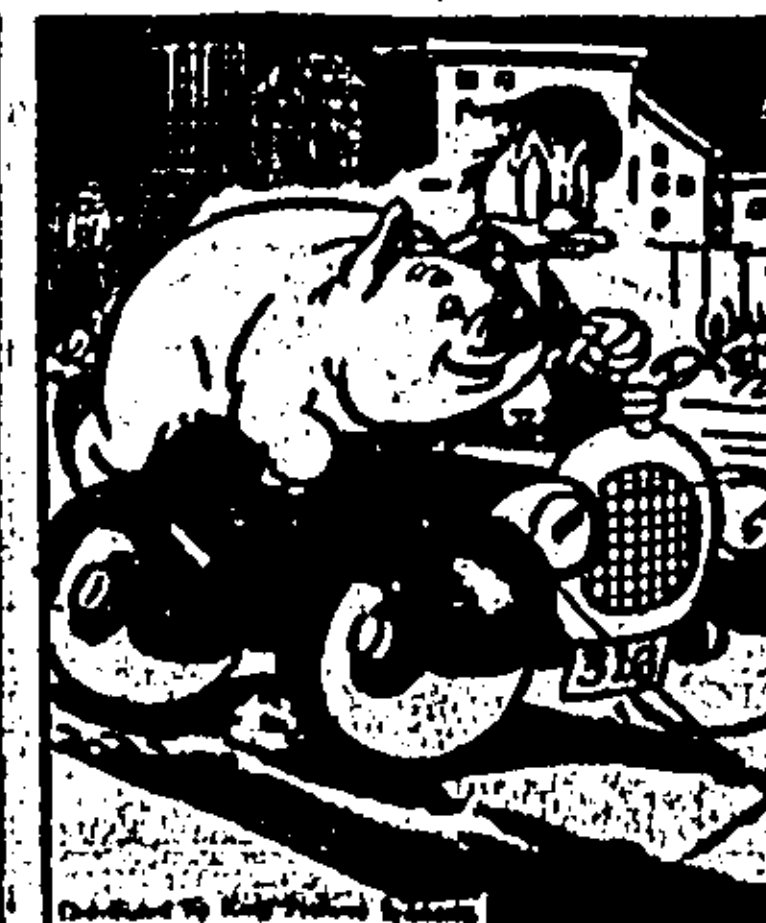
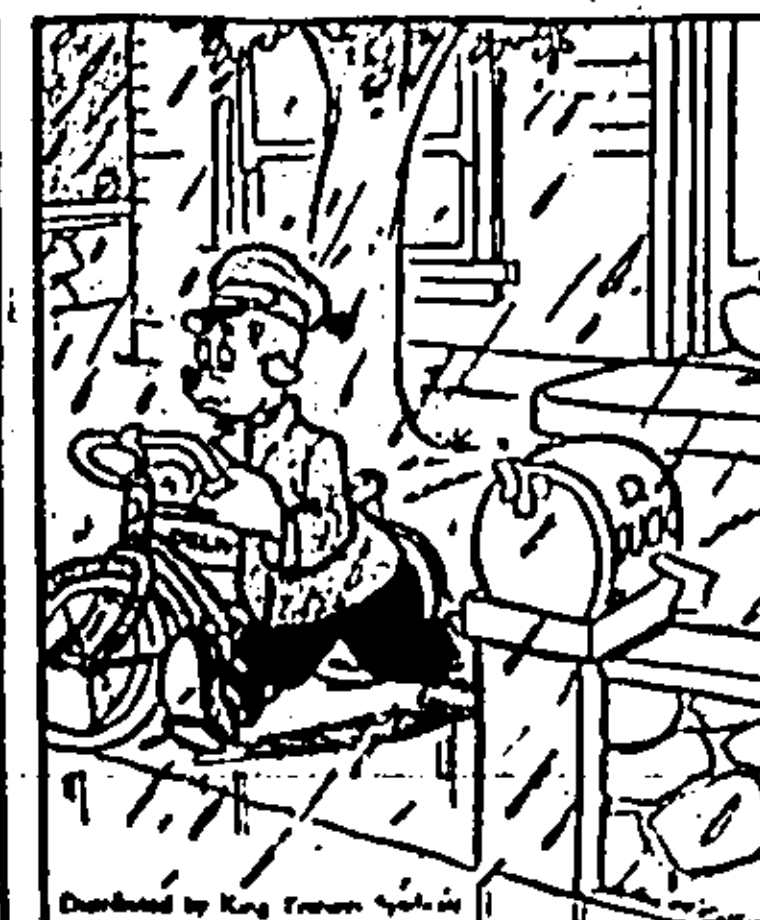
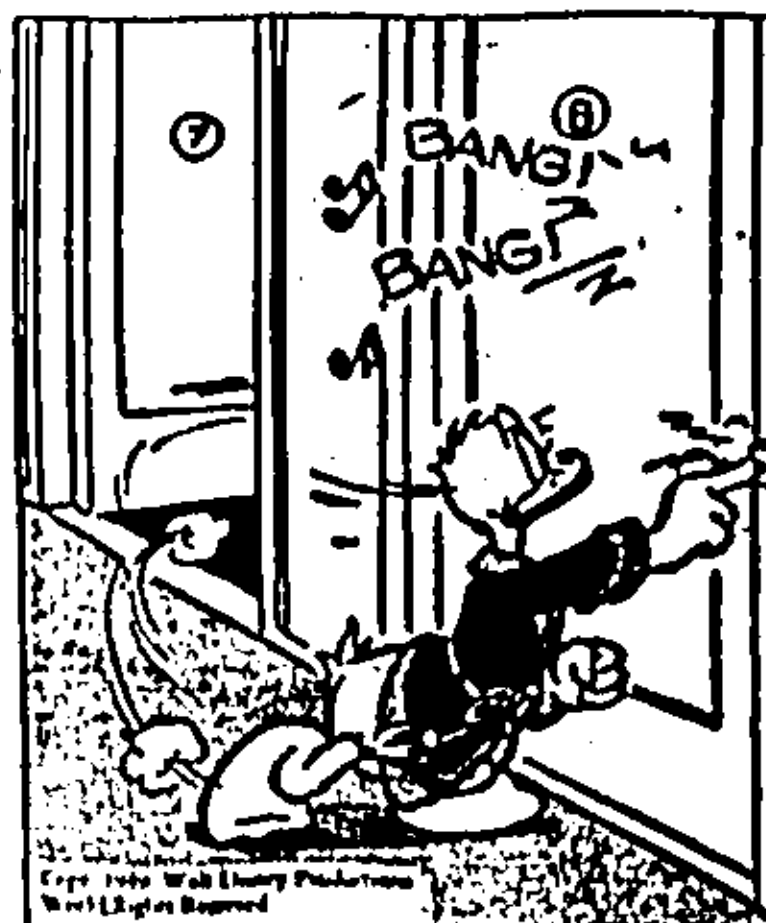
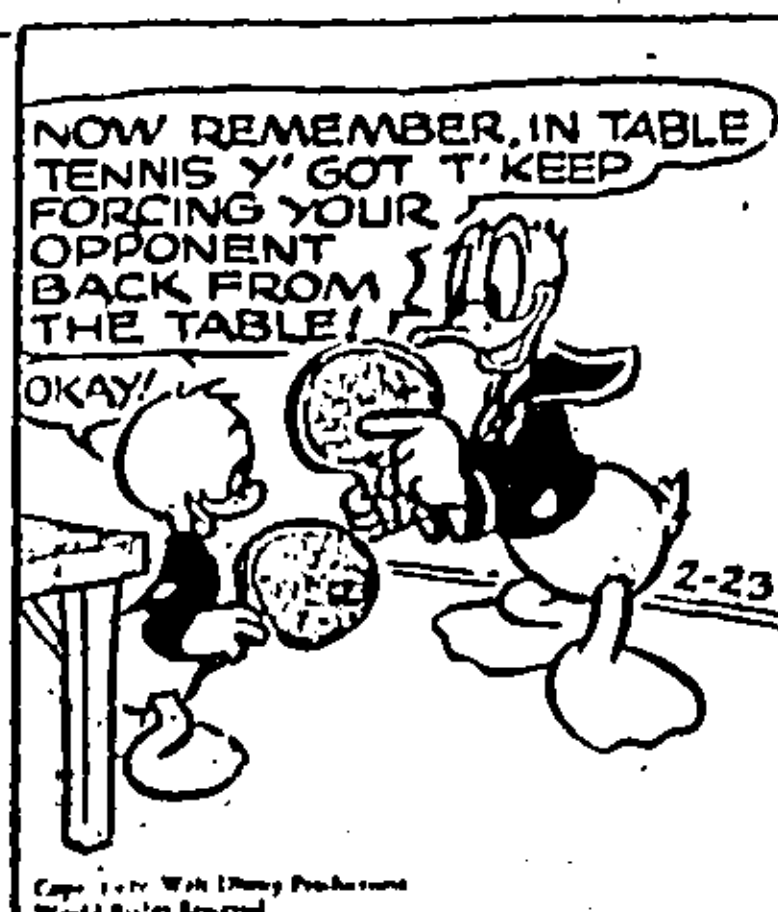
Who Am I?

E is for wheat and also for heat.
A is for always and also for ways.
S is for still but not for till.
T is for goat and also for oat.
E is for there and also for ere.
R is for heart and also for art.
Put them together and it is...

Answer: **WATER**
Honour certificate to Miss Childs of 45, Chungking Arcade Kowloon.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



RUSTY RILEY

By FRANK GODWIN



In The Mailbag

DONNA FOK: I'll be glad to have stories, poems and drawings that will interest the children, and if I think they are good, I'll print them. There's no hint to it, just send anything you want to.

S. MOALEM: I think it's better if you fill in your name, address etc. in ink for it's clearer than pencil.

F. M. ARAB: I'm glad to know you and your brother would like to become members of the H.C.C. All you have to do is to fill in the form on page 6 and send it back to me. I'll then send you one of our certificates. The same applies to your brother.

JUDITH INNES: I'm afraid I won't be able to print your story for the letters are far too small and I didn't quite get all the words. Please write larger next time.

JACOBO INNES: You'll need 20 points to win a \$10 prize.

HELEA ZAHAROFF: I would love to have the jokes you mentioned in your letter.

BETTY HUI: Don't you think it will be much better if you try and compose a poem all by yourself?

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WHO AM I?

My first is in egg and also in in beg,
My second is in able and also in sable,
My third is in sport but not in bought,
My fourth is in toy but not in boy,
My fifth is in Eastern and also in Western,
My sixth is in red but not in bed.

My seventh is in earth but not in dirt,
My eighth is in gun but not in bun,
My ninth is in game but not in tame.

My whole is something which specially made for today.

Answer: Easter Egg.

Honour certificate to Teresia Sherwood of Argyle Camp 2, Kowloon City.

Listening-Post

English-language programmes and news from the BBC in London can be heard in Hong Kong on the following stations:—
(All times are Hong Kong Summer Time)

BBC LONDON	
(GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE)	
5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.	15.54 metres
7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.	15.52 metres
10.00 p.m. to 11.15 p.m.	15.52 metres
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	15.54 metres
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	15.52 metres
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	15.54 metres
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	15.52 metres
5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.	15.54 metres
7.00 p.m. to 2.00 a.m.	15.52 metres

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Relays of news broadcasts from the BBC in London, as well as other English-language programmes, can be heard by listeners over the following stations:—

RADIO SEAC CEYLON	
15.54 metres	49.35 metres
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News relays may be heard at the following times: 8.00 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and also at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday on the wavelengths indicated above.	
RADIO SINGAPORE	
44.31 metres	25.577 metres
30.95 metres	19.61 metres

PROGRAMME NEWS

True Romance

In 'The Music Box' listeners to the BBC will hear Ted Heath and his Music this week. This brilliant trombonist, on whom a poll last year bestowed the title of Britain's 'Swing King', was once a 'busker'. When he was out of a job and his family had struck bad times, he once played with other unemployed musicians in the London streets. One day he was playing outside a big hotel when Jack Hilton, the hotel's bandleader, asked him if he would deputise for an absent trombonist. Since then Ted Heath has never looked back. For a long time he was in the brass section of Gerald's Orchestra before forming his own.

General Overseas: Friday, 9.15 p.m. and Saturday, 12.15 p.m.

The Outmoded Tear

The BBC's overseas listeners will hear an amusing talk which Desmond MacCarthy gave recently in the BBC's Third Programme. His subject was 'Tears'. Not, one might think, an obviously funny subject, but, as an eminent literary critic, Desmond MacCarthy was considering how popular tears once were in fiction and how unfashionable they are today. As he points out, even the sentimental novelists of our day impose iron self-control on their heroes and heroines and allow them no more than a quiver of the lip. From that he goes on to dwell upon the reason and meaning of tears in life and literature. On the whole, he seems to feel that today we are too suspicious of the generous, sympathetic tear, too apt to think of it as a sign of weakness.

It was not always so. Tears were once 'the noble language of the eye' and an ornament of womanhood. The generation of Dickens and Thackeray was proud of a 'manly tear'. Desmond MacCarthy recalls the scene in the House of Commons during the Crimean War when Lord John Russell withdrew his second Reform Bill. "I know," wrote an M.P. in 1854 describing it, "that the unhidden tears gushed to my cheeks, and looking round I could see scores of other careless, worldly men struck by the same emotion—and even the Speaker (as he subsequently admitted to me) was affected in precisely the same manner. The face of the Caucasian (Disraeli) was, of course, as immovable as usual, but Mr. Walpole wept outright."

Not some that one can easily imagine in the House today.
General Overseas: Friday, 8.30 p.m.

B.B.C. Highlights

Sunday, April 24

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

- P.M.
- 1.30 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL—Palm Court Orchestra Directed by Tom Jenkins James Johnson (tenor).
 - 3.10 THE RADIO DOCTOR.
 - 3.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP—by St. Charles' Church, Hull, conducted by the Rev. Father Patrick McEnroe.
 - 3.30 BILLY MAYERL RHYTHM ENSEMBLE.
 - 3.45 FOOTBALL RESULTS.
 - 4.15 BEATING OF TATTOO—by the Band and Corps of Drums of the Coldstream Guards in the grounds of Windsor Castle. Ceremony described by Tom Chalmers and Henry Riddell. (Recording of St. George's Day broadcast).
 - 5.30 SUNDAY SERVICE—by St. Charles' Church, Hull, conducted by the Rev. Father Patrick McEnroe.
 - 9.15 TAKE IT FROM HERE—Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards, Wallis Eaton, Alan Dean, the Keynotes, BBC Revue Orchestra, conductor, Frank Cantell.
 - 10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
 - 10.15 MUSICAL MEMORIES—The George Melachrino Orchestra.
 - 11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
 - 11.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Conducted and presented by Sir Malcolm Sargent Two Slavonic Dances: No. 10 in E minor; No. 9 in B major. Dvorak Air on the G-String—Bach, arr. Malcolm Sargent. Variations on an original theme (Enigma) Elgar.

Monday, April 25

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

- A.M.
- 11.30 ME, THE COMPOSER AND YOU—Richard Addinsell.

P.M.

 - 1.30 BALLET MUSIC—The Gods Go A-begging (Handel) and The Haunted Ballroom (Toye) BBC Midland Light Orchestra, conductor, Gilbert Vinter, introduced by Philip Cunningham.
 - 2.15 HANDS ACROSS THE KEYS—David Buchanan at the piano.
 - 4.15 NORMAN GRIFFITHS—and his Sextet.
 - 4.45 UNITED NATIONS REPORT.
 - 5.00 THE SMALL HOUSE AT ALLINGTON—by Anthony Trollope. Final episode.
 - 5.30 HAVE A GO!—The Quiz visits the Royal Navy on board H.M.S. Anson.
 - 6.00 MASTER POTTERS—A dramatic feature programme by Marguerite Franks.
 - 8.15 BBC NORTHERN VARIETY ORCHESTRA.
 - 9.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Ian Whyte Overture: Suzanna's Secret Wolf-Ferrari Symphony No. 2 in D. Brahms.
 - 11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
 - 11.15 Eric Barker in WATERLOGGED SPA.
 - 12.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

Tuesday, April 26

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

- A.M.
- 11.30 WELCOME TO OUR MUSIC—by Barbara Sumner, Len Marten, and Ken Morris.
 - 11.45 COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE.

P.M.

 - 1.30 VARIETY BANDBOX—by Albert Modley, Barbara Sumner, Bill Kerr, Max Geldray, Gene Crowley, Harold Geller, Tuppy Oliver, and Douglas Maynard.
 - 3.15 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE—BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor: Rae Jenkins Frederick Thurston (clarinet) Joy Hoodless (Australian soprano).

- 6.00 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME 'Earth and Air and Rain'—Song-cycle by Gerald Finzi Poems by Thomas Hardy Robert Irwin (baritone) Frederick Stone (piano) and Alan Rawsthorne's Quartet for clarinet, violin, viola, and violoncello Frederick Thurston (clarinet) Harry Blech (violin) Keith Cummings (viola) Douglas Cameron (violin-cello).
- 7.00 AMERICAN LETTER—by Alastair Cooke.
- 9.15 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE—BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor: Rae Jenkins with Dennis Brain (horn) and James Johnston (tenor).
- 10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
- 10.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Warwick Braithwaite, Sylvia Fisher (Australian soprano). Excerpts from the Operas of Beethoven and Mozart. Introduced by Spike Hughes.
- 11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
- 12.15 LISTENERS' DIGEST—A programme compiled by Sir Stephen Tallents.

Wednesday, April 27

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

- A.M.
- 11.00 THE STORYTELLER—The Three Hostages, by John Buchan, fourth of eight episodes, read by Arthur Bush.

P.M.

 - 12.15 TWENTY QUESTIONS—Anona Winn, Daphne Padel, Jack Train, and Richard Dimbleby, who ask all the questions, and Stewart MacPherson who knows (almost) all the answers.
 - 5.00 MUCH—BINDING—IN—THE—MARBIN.
 - 5.30 THE FESTIVAL SEASON—A feature programme to introduce the many Festivals of the Arts which are taking place this year in the towns and country of Britain. Narrator: Ralph Truman. Written and produced by Terry Gompertz.
 - 6.00 CONCERTO—A series of weekly programmes Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23 in A played by Phyllis Sellick and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conducted by Clarence Raybould. Programme also includes: Glinski's Waltz Fantasia and Tchaikovsky's Ballet Suite: The Sleeping Beauty.
 - 8.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.
 - 8.45 GENERALLY SPEAKING—My Grandmother's Theatre Book—A talk by Compton Mackenzie.
 - 9.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Ian Whyte.
 - 11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL—including edited commentary on the Two Thousand Guineas Race at Newmarket.
 - 12.45 BALANCE OF EUROPE—A weekly commentary by Andrew Shonfield on the Recovery Programme.

Thursday, April 28

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

- A.M.
- 10.30 Bebe Daniels, Vic Oliver, and Ben Lyon in 'Hi, GANG! 1949' with Benny Lee, George Mitchell's Hi Gangsters. The Dance Orchestra, conducted by Stanley Black.
- P.M.
- 2.45 AS THE COMMENTATOR SAW IT—Racing: Two Thousand Guineas at Newmarket.
 - 5.00 IN BRITAIN: NOW—A National Magazine.
 - 7.00 SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE—Professor Gordon Stephenson talks about designing modern houses.
 - 7.15 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Arwel Hughes Hard-ling Jenkins (baritone) Overture: Yellow Princess. Saint-Saens 'Hear me, ye wind and waves'..... Handel, arr. Amelia Lehmann

- Novellette No. 2 (Strings, tambourin, and triangle)..... Coleridge-Taylor
- 'Arm, Arm, ye Brave'..... Handel
- Suite for Morris Dances..... Foster
- Waltz of the Flowers..... Tchaikovsky
- March Lorraine..... Ganne
- 8.30 SONGS AND SHANTIES—BBC Men's Chorus Conductor: Leslie Woodgate Stanley Riley (baritone) Frederick Stone (at the piano).
- 8.15 LEFT'S MAKE MUSIC—Sydney Lipton and his Orchestra with Lee Lawrence and Pat Hutton.
- 9.15 PIERRE BERNAC (baritone).
- 11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
- 11.15 THE PUPPET PULLED THE STRINGS—A comedy for broadcasting by Charles Hutton.
- 12.00 JERSEY INTERNATIONAL ROAD RACE—A commentary.

Friday, April 29

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

- A.M.
- 11.00 MEET THE COMMONWEALTH
 - 11.30 JERSEY INTERNATIONAL ROAD RACE—A recorded commentary.
- P.M.
- 12.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Ian Whyte.
 - 1.30 'Hi, GANG! 1949'.
 - 5.00 AMANDA McKITTRICK ROSE—A tribute to the alliterative literary lady of Lorne, by Denis Johnston and Douglas Cleverdon.
 - 7.00 THE PRESS AND THE PEOPLE—The elements which make up a newspaper, and methods of presentation.

Keep this page for use during the week.

- tation and distribution are analysed by David Keir and Ronald Collier.
- 8.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME 'Tears'—A talk by Desmond MacCarthy.
- 8.45 STAR VARIETY—Billy Thorburn and Maurice Keary.
- 9.15 Ted Heath and his Music in 'THE MUSIC BOX'.
- 11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL—including edited commentary on the One Thousand Guineas Race at Newmarket.
- 11.15 CONCERTO—A series of weekly programmes William Walton's Concerto for violin and orchestra in B minor, played by Campoli and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conductor, Charles Groves. Programme also includes Haydn's Symphony No. 86 in D.
- 12.15 ME, THE COMPOSER, AND YOU—In which Robert Tradinick brings to the microphone a leading British composer of light music, 3: Harry Parr-Davies.
- 12.45 WORLD AFFAIRS—A survey by A. P. Ryan.

Saturday, April 30

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

- P.M.
- 12.15 THE MUSIC BOX.
 - 2.45 AS THE COMMENTATOR SAW IT—Racing: One Thousand Guineas at Newmarket.
 - 5.00 THE ADVENTURES OF P.C. 49—The Case of the Giant Marrow.
 - 5.00 MUSIC IN YOUR HOME—BBC Midland Light Orchestra.
 - 6.00 OPERA—National Opera—on illustrated talk by Boyd Neel.
 - 8.30 GENERALLY SPEAKING—A talk by Frederick Austin on Sir Thomas Beecham on the occasion of his 70th birthday (April 29) and records of music conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.
 - 9.10 YORKSHIRE v NEW ZEALAND—A commentary by Rex Alston, from Park Avenue Cricket Ground, Bradford.
 - 9.30 BAND CALL—BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor: Rae Jenkins with Eric Whitley introduced by Franklin Engelmann.
 - 11.00 SATURDAY SPORT—Association Football: FA Cup Final.

All Times Are H.K. Summer Time

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1949.



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Personal

(3 lines minimum, 9d.)
MR. DIMJOY, of the Rest, South Purley, returns his most grateful thanks to all friends and well-wishers who have written to congratulate him on the sudden death of his wife's Pomeranian dog Dinkie.
MEAT EATER AND BEER DRINKER wanted by the Mincing Magna All-Vegetarian Brass Band to carry the big drum at the Mincing Magna Teetotallers' Rally next Friday.
LADY (well-bred) wishes to meet Gentleman, equally fortunate, with a view to comparing pedigrees in the evenings. One from the Shires much preferred. Box 873.

Cage us a germ-proof peacock
Should you be looking for a sign of the times we live in, Elinor—something most damnably symbolical—then we can give it to you.
British Railways are experimenting with a new type of booking-office window "designed to safeguard the health of booking clerks by preventing the passage of infected breath."
You see, child? Only the Public are poisonous.

Famous sayings of the Great and Good

"We are not amusing" — Queen Victoria.

Behind the verbal curtain

When you read those brief reports on the multitudinous conferences which are so essential a part of national planning today, do you realise that you can't hope to understand them without the aid of the Lane Norcott Conference Phrase Guide?

For your assistance, Elinor, here is a short list of the more cagey official phrases, together with our interpretation of their meanings:
"The talks were satisfactory." The boys ate a hearty luncheon and were afterwards too somnolent to broach controversial subjects.

"Discussions for co-ordinating long-term plans were started." A vague proposal was mooted, but it was quickly shouted down, and the delegates broke up into angry, gesticulating groups.

"Discrepancies between the various programmes for reaching economic stability are being carefully considered." There have been ugly Chauvinistic scenes and future meetings have been temporarily cancelled to allow tempers to cool.

"The preliminary negotiations were conducted throughout in a spirit of friendly goodwill." Nothing was accomplished, but there were no fist-cuffs.

"It is thought that this plan may form the basis of a common policy." By this temporary expedient it is hoped to avoid the issue.

"The negotiators unfortunately failed to agree on all matters." The negotiators, having lived resplendently for several weeks at a huge cost to their tax-payers, have now parted brass rags, and are flying home with their families. They hope to resume the endless discussions in some other foreign city when the weather is warmer.

Incidentally, Elinor, it is not generally known that "an authoritative source" ("It is learnt from an authoritative source") is none other than old Professor Trimble, of Chorday Wood, whose remarkable facility for hearing cuckoos long before everybody else is such a constant source of rage and despair among the elderly readers of *The Times*.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Now be careful with this one, which is the bigger in area—Europe or South America?
2. The United States of America is the world's largest Republic. But do you know the world's smallest Republic?
3. And where is it situated. We'll help you with this one—it is somewhere in Europe.
4. The Romans had another name for Switzerland. What was it? (You'll find it on Switzerland's postage stamps).
5. Shortly after the Bolsheviks seized power in Russia they imprisoned and later murdered the Russian Imperial Family. What was the name of the last Russian Czar or Emperor?
6. The Suez and Panama Canals are probably the best known in the world. But neither is the longest. What is the name of the longest canal?

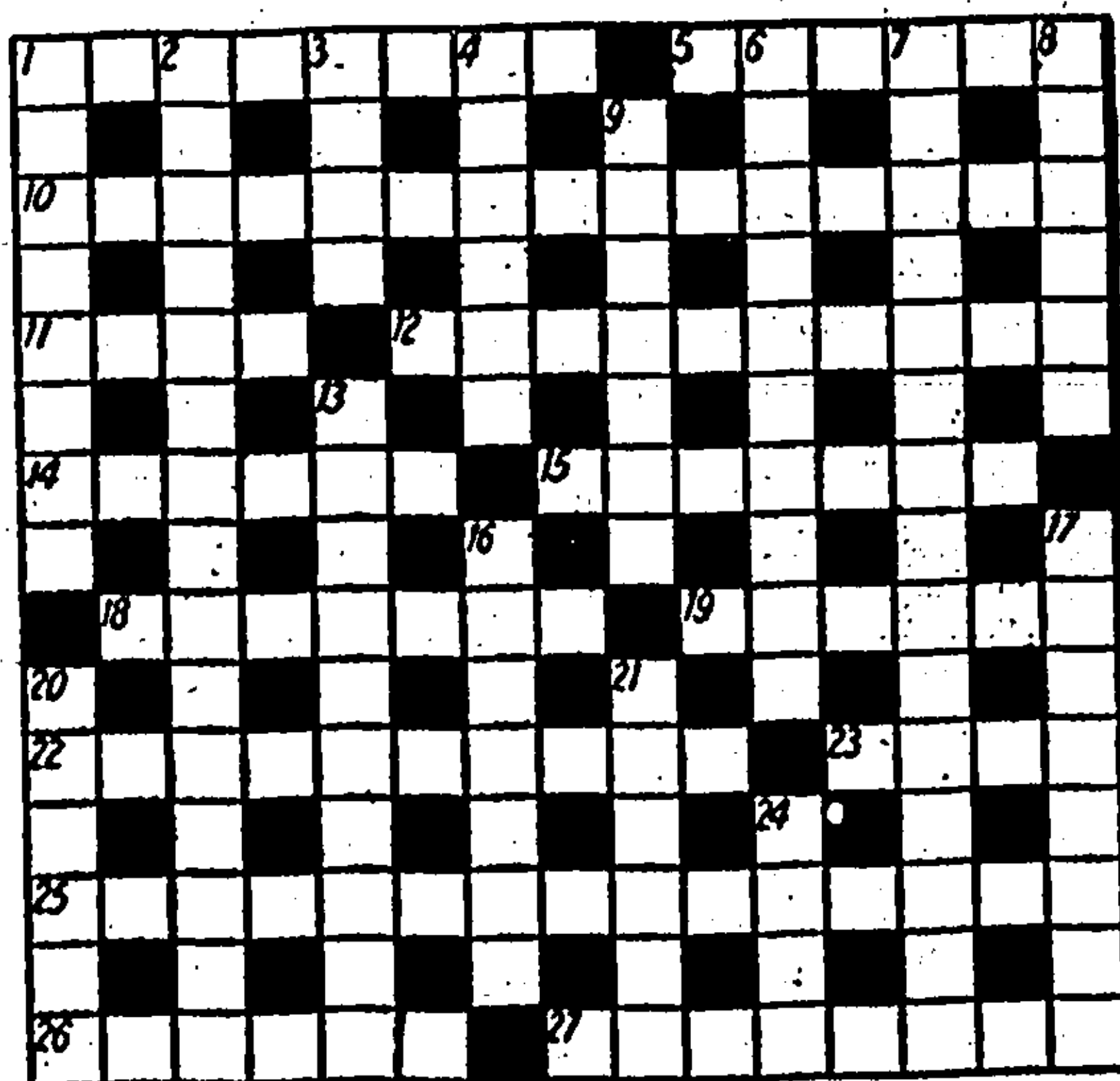
(Answers on Page 2)

NEWS QUIZ

1. In what part of the world is Britain to start an all-out export drive?
2. A British MP told us last week that Hong Kong now occupies the role in Asia that Britain occupies in Europe. Who was he?
3. There has been much talk about a Pacific pact on the lines of the Atlantic Pact. Latest proposal was made in—?
4. The British Labour Party is to hold an "inquest" on—?
5. Thirty-four countries are discussing world tariffs. Where are they meeting?
6. Hong Kong has a large rateable value, it was revealed during the week. What does it amount to?

(Answers on Page 2)

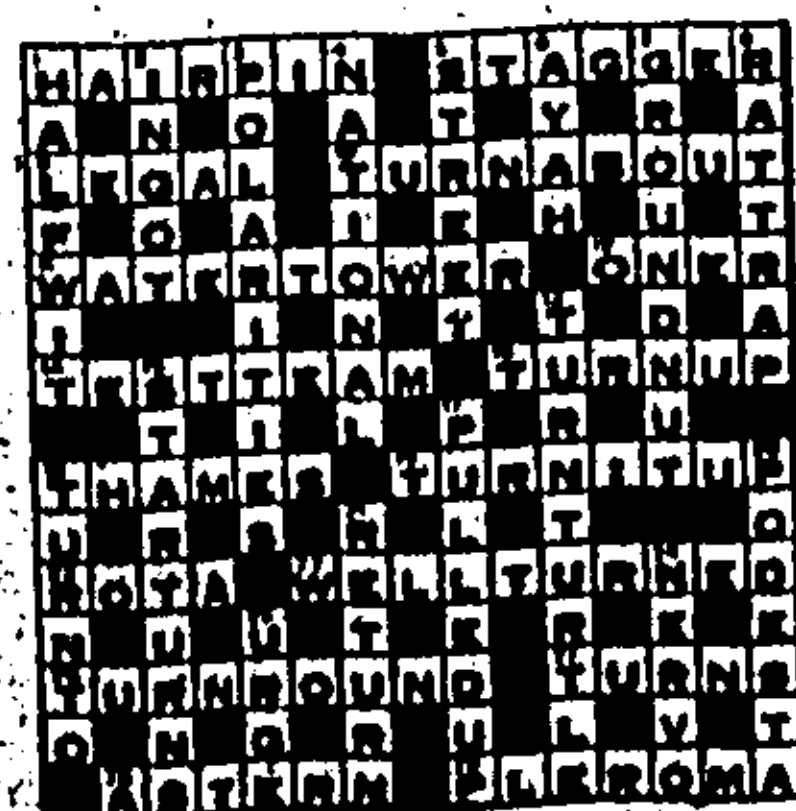
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Across

- 1 It is scandalous to do this, Sir Benjamin. (8)
- 5 Tastes for fishing. (6)
- 10 Overbearing, as it were. (6, 9)
- 11 A cricketer among the 13. (4)
- 12 Half disturbed cleric. (10)
- 14 Continue yearning like a cricketer. (4, 2)

SOLUTION TO No. 102



Down

- 1 Very little conversation. (4, 4)
- 2 One who does certainly practise an unsavoury calling. (3, 8, 4)
- 3 Runaway resting place. (4)
- 4 He's in the best makeup in town. (6)
- 6 Mother goes to law, but not before the trial's upset. (7, 3)
- 7 It is a sorry restitution. (10, 5)
- 8 Newsed in the Peninsula. (6)
- 9 Is put on like an essayist. (7)
- 10 Such gains cannot be expected from the amateur tailor. (7)
- 17 The demand for valuation seems to end in a threat. (8)
- 20 St. Raphael's neighbour. (8)
- 21 But these emperors were not capricious. (6)
- 24 Resident, with Ann Lee about in a kingdom by the sea. (4)

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BRIDGE

Two teams of women players, Mrs. (Dimple) Fleming's and Mrs. (Madeleine) Lester's, have won their way into a final which will probably decide which team is to represent this country's women players at the European international congress in Paris early in July. Only six teams entered and played in the eliminating round. Two Slam hands seemed to be the most interesting in this round. How would the reader bid this one?:
South (dealer). North.

S A 10 x S Q x
H x H A K Q x x
D A K J x x D x x
C A K Q 9 C J 10 8 x

South, in most cases, opened with Two Diamonds, followed by North Two Hearts, South Three Clubs, North Four Clubs. Then the various Souths differed. One jumped to Seven Clubs; others bid Five Clubs (raised to Six), while the remaining South bid Four Spades, a cue bid showing the Ace and inviting her partner also to make a cue bid. North, however, bid Six Clubs instead of Five Hearts (a cue bid) and South then stopped in a small Slam in Clubs. The odds favoured a Grand Slam bid and it was a surprise that so many missed it.

In the other Slam hand too many failed in the play in Six Spades by South after the lead of a Diamond.

South (declarer). North (dummy).

S A Q 9 x x x x S K J
H A Q x H 10 x x
D x x x D A 9
C none C A K J x x x

The ruff in Diamonds eliminates the necessity for the finesse in Hearts which failed, but why did so few see this?

First Plastic Wine Glasses

Transparent plastic wine glasses indistinguishable at night from ordinary glass and claimed to be the first ever produced were on show in London recently.

Each glass is moulded from crystal clear acrylic plastic and is unbreakable and non-inflammable. There are four sizes, sherry glasses, pony glass tumblers and a milk glass with pastel shade plastic holder.

Plastic glasses, are the result of years of intensive research by London firm, are said to hold wine at a more constant temperature than will normal glasses. Thanks to its toughness and resistance to boiling water it is expected to enjoy great popularity in the home and catering establishments as well as to have a special appeal to air and shipping lines.

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LAUGHTER--AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

Lord Chesterfield once wrote to his son that laughter was vulgar and must be discouraged. What a dreary young man his son would have been if he had obeyed the precept!

In my young days I had the good fortune to sit at the feet of wise men of Eastern schools of "esterism" who taught that we should carefully study all those spontaneous impulses which Mother Nature prompts in us, but which we usually just take for granted and think no more of. Laughter is one of the pleasantest of these, and study of it leads to what some people regard as surprising conclusions.

A Physical Value

After every bout of hearty laughter there is a feeling of a refreshing sense of starting life anew. It is a true divine faculty. Yet there are today still kill-joy bodies, worse than Cleverfield who preach that gaiety is unseemly, even on the Lord's Day. The day of rest and gladness!

Most people not affected with this form of lunacy will recognize the profound psychological and even spiritual benefits of healthy gaiety, but fewer appreciate the fact that laughter has also far-reaching physical value, the advantage of which may also be reaped by conscious imitation of the movement. Laughter, without waiting for an external stimulus.

This lesson, apparent when we analyse what happens to us when we laugh and I mean of course by laughing the real explosive thing that brings tears to the eyes and makes the ribs ache. The first thing that happens is that it is a breathing exercise. Laughter makes a deep something that many never otherwise do, namely, completely empty the lungs. Out goes the wind in a burst, and if this were not enough, nature

insists on making a decent job of it by a lot of extra spurts for good measure until the victim positively gasps for air.

Good Exercise

Gasp—there's just it. Gasp! is another natural breath exercise into which we usually have to be tricked by a joke or other outside stimulus, so lazy are we as a rule, and so indifferent to our natural requirements.

By SIR PAUL DUKES

Gasp! is also a defence mechanism brought into sudden operation by astonishment or fright. In laughter it is induced, as in yawning, by sheer lack of air; having tricked us into emptying the lungs, nature compels us as thoroughly to fill them again. Without extra stimulus breathing in most people takes the line of least resistance, a feeble motion of the diaphragm and in at about the middle of their range. It is positively ghastly to reflect that the vast majority regard such breathing as quite "normal." Some even begin to feel dizzy at the first attempt to breathe properly.

Rapid alternation of the two extremes of completely emptying and completely refilling the lungs, as in laughter, constitutes one of the regulated exercises of yoga—a word which means union with God.

It is a spiritual exercise designed to purify the blood and soothe the nerves, and it is entirely derived from the actions of laughter. When the yogi prays "Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me," he means it literally. A clean heart can only be one through which pure blood flows. Blood can only be purified by oxygenation. As for "right spirit," it suffices to note that throughout the Scriptures, and especially in the New Testament, the words "spirit" and "breath" are closely allied, and sometimes identical, in the original.

Secondly, laughter is an abdominal exercise. The diaphragm presses down on the contents of the abdomen and massages them. This is an action which it is easy to copy deliberately. Furthermore, by reversing the

action (as exhalation is reversed in inhalation and vice versa), similar pressure can be exerted on the solar plexus with important effects on the sympathetic nervous system.

The diaphragm should be the most powerful muscle in the body next to the heart. Great muscular strength of torso and limbs is never the object of yoga culture, which aims primarily at purifying the blood and disciplining the

nerves, but when invited for instructional purposes, as in television, to demonstrate diaphragmatic actions, I am usually prepared, lying on my back, to lunge up and down, mainly by means of the diaphragm, any amount of average weight standing on my stomach. [Editor's note: Sir Paul is 40.]

This is one of those practices that appear striking at first sight, yet any healthy person ought to be able to do it. But I do recommend you, if you want to try it, to go easy to begin with, or you may do yourself an injury.

Laugh At Yourself

Thirdly, laughter is a vibrational exercise. The convulsive shaking of the body often makes a hearty laugher quite tired as the result of his exertions. Something has a somewhat similar effect, but the dividing line between weeping and laughter is notoriously fine.

This shaking and quaking is very valuable as an aid to digestion. It should be initiated in the form of a systematic abdominal exercise designed to strengthen the abdominal wall and give tone to the inner organs. This way to go about it is purposely to chuckle at yourself, preferably in a mirror and exaggerate the diaphragmatic convulsions and forced out-breathing which you will notice. Following this with a deep inhalation. You will find it doing you a power of good, and the laughter can be extended to deliberate vibration of the whole body.

Many Benefits

Many other physical phenomena, all of them beneficial, accompany laughter: relaxation of the anal sphincter, whipping up

the circulation (as evidenced by turning red in the face), the release of tears (nature's own eye lotion), and even perspiration. There is not one of them but repays observation and study and deliberate imitation in practice.

Some people cavil at the suggestion that there can be an intimate relation between physical and spiritual exercise. But surely, if, as our Scriptures tell us, our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, then the least we can do in reverence is to keep the temple in as sound a condition as possible.

There can obviously be no absolute standards in this matter, since we are all constructed slightly differently, some with greater unavoidable limitations than others. Nevertheless the principle of preserving the temple in a condition "as sound as possible" should be universal. This cannot be done by laissez faire. Without dusting and polishing within no abode can be kept decent.

Several hundred years before Christ, equivalents of the dicta "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you" and "Seek and ye shall find" were propounded by the founders of the yoga school of thought.

Watch Results

The Christian Church, alas all too often, interprets these dicta merely symbolically or metaphorically. They should be understood quite literally. The search begins, according to this teaching, with detailed and persistent self-observation, not only of our thoughts but also our movements, especially impulsive movements.

You will surely agree with me that in these days of tension and anxiety any simple practice that can both improve the health and brighten the humour is much to be welcomed.

So I do hope, however seriously you may have read this article, that at the end of it you will have a good laugh and observe what happens to you as you do it. I would rather you laughed at me than not at all. When you look into the matter you may find there is, after all, some cause to laugh with instead of at.

Philosophy or practice that is understood only by those initiated into their mysteries.

Fighting In The Dark

This is a sickening, seething business, this Malayan terror. Fighting is like fighting an evil thing in a blacked-out room—only to find when you've got it by the throat that it's an outlaw child who then cries and whimpers.

Don't swallow the Communist line that the bandits are brave idealists hurling themselves bareheaded against greater numbers of better-armed British, Gurkha, and Malay troops.

If bandits from an ambush fire on Army or police parties it is generally an accident. It simply means that a roving security patrol has turned a corner instead of some European planter, miner, or unarmed Chinese whom the Communist have blacklisted.

Young Chinese bandits are brave enough when hidden at the edge of the jungle on a bank overlooking the road leading to some estate. They then pour in bursts from Stens, tommy-guns, and rifles into, say, a car.

Kill And Plunder

Should someone still live to shoot back, the bandits finish him off before leaving their victims' pockets, set fire to the vehicle, murder the wounded, and beat a retreat to the jungle.

If it's an Army or police patrol trained to meet such ambushes, however, some soldier or policeman usually succeeds in reaching cover, from where he briskly returns the fire. Then the bandits don't wait. They dash so hurriedly that they frequently leave behind their weapons and ammunition.

The Communist leaders, who are most careful of their own skins, rarely participating in

anything more dangerous than camp debates, must be getting somewhat anxious.

Creep To Police

Already nearly 100 of their followers have defied the leaders' death threats to creep into police stations and surrender themselves and their arms and offer information in the hope that the authorities will spare their lives.

That is not many, but it's enough to keep some of the leaders awake at nights. Additionally, the Chinese towkay or merchant class is paying less protection money today.

By LACHIE McDONALD

It is unofficially estimated that our security forces have now blocked the sources which in six months supplied the bandits with 250,000 Straits dollars in cash.

Too many Chinese still continue to pay extortion money, however, and the bandits still have plenty of cash, but it is pleasing that so many other Chinese have decided that our position is so improved that they can afford to deny further contributions to the bandits.

It is one more sign that the bandits' reign of terror has passed its peak. March was the bandits' worst month and our best since the terrorist campaign opened last June. This doesn't mean the end is in sight—in deed, some people fear April might be a very bad month for us.

Barbed wire entanglements encircling bungalows may be rusty, but special constables guarding the estates and mines 24 hours a

day are ready for action. Police and soldiers, if anything, are more alert and vigorous.

The police have more trained men in the field, and the military commanders are using smaller, fatter patrols to probe for bandit camps in the hills which run down the centre of the Malay peninsula like the spine of some prehistoric monster.

Tears At Capture

Don't believe reports that British troops net brutally towards captured bandits.

Young soldiers here are like their elder brother—kindly enough even to the bitterest prisoner, just as were other British troops I saw in different parts of the world during the war.

Admittedly there is not great respect for the bandits themselves, although the soldiers admire the physical toughness of these who, though grievously wounded, still manage to cover jungle distances.

One puzzled, somewhat disgusted Guardsman commented: "They're tough and dangerous enough until we capture them. Then some even cry. What do you make of that?"

BACK AT WORK

I was privileged, a few days ago, to visit the British Railway Works (Southern Section) Ashford, where I saw the sterling efforts which are being made to keep the rolling stock in proper running condition. My entry into print about the event is actuated by an incident in the machinery shop which impressed me considerably.

Wandering through the lines of Capstan lathes in company with Mr. J. T. Finch, the Assistant Works Manager, where operator after operator was assiduously turning out his particular job, my attention was attracted to a tall young fellow who seemed to handle his work slightly differently from the others. While the latter directed their eyes to the article being made and even studied it critically when finished,

he watched with no small amount of interest.

The result exceeded the expectation of all except those who trained him, and Doy himself. He is now regarded by both employers and fellow employees as "one of the shop team." The fact of his handicap of blindness is forgotten—well, almost.

Those exceptions betoken not only the humanitarian feelings which actuate his fellow operators towards him, but also Doy's personality and acceptance of the small services which they render him.

Daily Routine

In the morning a tell worker calls for him and brings him to the shop; at lunch time an apprentice makes it his task to take Sid along to the canteen and see

SIGHTLESS MAN AS MACHINIST

ed, this young man seemed unconcerned so far as actually "seeing" the article, but his hands were feeling every move. A closer view revealed that he was sightless and, I was informed, had been trained on the capstan lathe at St. Dunstan's Training Centre, before joining the engineering shops of the British Railways.

He was "Sid" Doy, ex-Guardsman, blinded at Dunkirk and was a prisoner of war in Germany for about four years before being included in the batch of exchange prisoners of war who were non-constant by reason of their injuries.

Service In France

Sidney James Frederick Doy, about 30 years of age, and formerly of Shirland Road, Paddington, joined the Grenadier Guards in 1937, and served with the First Battalion in France in the early stages of the war, was wounded and taken prisoner at Dunkirk.

The lot of the blinded prisoner of war in Germany was not a happy one at first; but when Lord Normanby, also a prisoner of war who was wounded in the foot, began to interest himself in the welfare of the British blinded prisoners of war, conditions changed. He secured the collection of the blinded men in one camp and quite a number of privileges for them. These included the supply through the offices of St. Dunstan's and the British Red Cross of Braille instruction books and material.

"Sid" Doy was one of these boys who, ultimately repatriated, came to St. Dunstan's Training Centre in 1943. He knew a certain amount of Braille reading and writing and also how to typewrite and decided, between the voids caused by several operations, to take up industry in the machine shop at the Training Centre. He is of a cheerful disposition and possesses a happy temperament and a determination to overcome the handicap of blindness. Thus he qualified as a capstan lathe operator, and in January last year entered the service of the Southern Region, British Railways, in that capacity.

The suggestion of a blinded man working a machine was received not without some temerity, Mr. Finch told me. Doy, in fact, is the first blinded man to enter the machine shops of the Southern Region. He was an "experiment" which management and fellow work-

ers back afterwards. In several instances requests have been made voluntarily by members of the shop, to adjust times and shifts, that he, or they, may be able to render some service to Doy.

In one instance a request was made by one of Doy's shop pals that their holidays should be so adjusted as to coincide, so that he "could take Doy along with him." That is the spirit which animates those engaged in the shop towards their less fortunate mate.

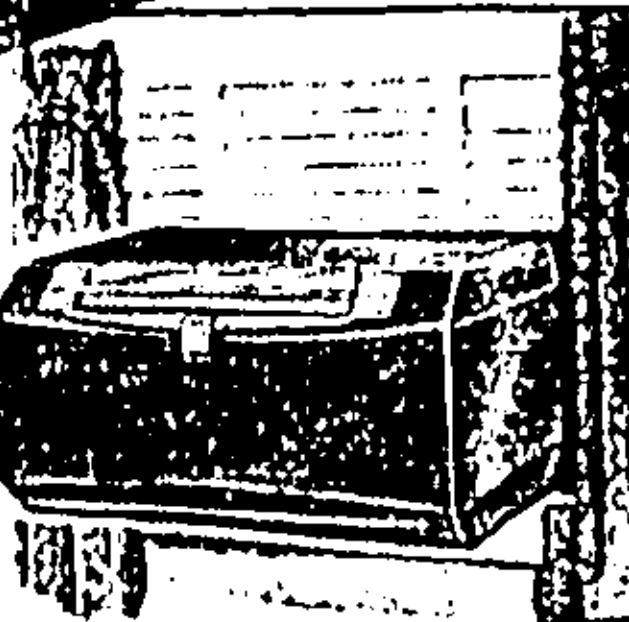
I saw Doy on this occasion operating a No. 3 Ward capstan lathe making copper fire box stays for a locomotive boiler. His target is 250 a day—the normal rate for those working a similar machine in the shop. An interesting gadget by the side of the lathe is his ingeniously designed micrometer which enables him to test his work. It has Braille characters embossed upon it and his task involves working to four-thousandths of an inch on the effective diameter of the thread.

Doy's foreman, Mr. H. Sutton, and acting foreman, Mr. H. Gower, and Mr. L. Revell, who sets his machine, all referred in high terms of commendation to him as an operator, an opinion in which Mr. Finch concurred. They said, "He is a good fellow and a conscientious worker, and we are pleased to have him with us."

Even the typists have a respect for Doy as a typist. Curiously one day led them to test his capacity. His proficiency on the typewriter surprised them; they were not aware that typewriting forms one of the elementary studies of the blinded man at St. Dunstan's.

Doy finds recreation in his off times to attend T. H. and the British Legion, and he also enjoys a game of dominoes and cards with his friends.

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CHINESE MILLS FACING AN ACUTE COTTON SHORTAGE

Washington, April 16.

China coastal cotton textile mills are facing an increasingly acute shortage of raw cotton, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "If more imported cotton is not made available, mills will have to curtail their operations sharply in the next few months," the Department said in a survey of the China cotton situation for the year, ending next July.

The Department laid the cause to political and military disruptions in the country, making it impossible for domestic cotton to reach Tsingtao and Shanghai in needed quantities. These cities are the scene of most of the cotton spindles on the China coast.

Chinese coastal mills consumed 1,094,000 bales of cotton from last August to February, the Department said, with interior mills taking an additional 146,000 bales.

The Department estimated the cotton crop for all China for the 1948-49 season at 21,150,000 bales, compared with 22,300,000 bales the previous season.

At the end of February, the Department continued, 568,000 bales of current crop had been collected. Interior mills have received 140,000 bales of that amount, and 422,000 bales are

intended for coastal mills. About 78,000 bales of this latter amount await shipment, which the Department says may be difficult due to interrupted communications.

Cotton Imports

It is hoped that about 75,000 bales more will be collected for coastal mills, and 104,000 bales more for interior mills.

Cotton imports into China from August to February were said to be 262,000 bales. About 125,000 bales were financed through ECA, and 137,000 bales through private commercial channels.

At the end of February, coastal stocks were estimated at 235,000 bales, about one and a half months' supply.

It is expected that during the remainder of this crop year, additional supplies will total 672,000 bales, sufficient to run the mills for about four and a half months. Of this amount (for coastal mills), 73,000 bales are expected to be domestic, 208,000 bales through ECA, and 78,000 bales through commercial channels.—Associated Press.

Russian Scientist's Claims

Wiesbaden, April 16.

Professor Theodor Shishkov, Russian atom expert, aged 63, just released from a displaced persons camp in Western Germany, claims to have developed a method of obtaining atomic energy by splitting the nuclei of all heavy, medium-heavy and light elements, the German D.P.D. news agency reported today.

He intends to place his experience at the disposal of the United Nations, the agency said. His method of obtaining atomic energy is to be applied for peaceful purposes only.

The D.P.D. agency added that Professor Shishkov had stipulated in a letter to Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, that to avoid further strain on international relations his discoveries should not become the monopoly of any one State.

Three German atom experts, Professor Heisenberg of Goettingen, Professor Gerlach of Bonn and Professor Samygen of Munich have reported favourably on the Russian scientist's method, D.P.D. said.

Professor Shishkov was stated to have begun his researches in Russia before the war and to have continued them later in Berlin.—Reuter.

Bevin Message On Europe Recovery

London April 15.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, today described the first year of the European Economic Co-operation as one of encouraging achievement and pledged that Britain will continue to work for the project's success.

In a statement issued on the first anniversary of the signature in Paris of the Convention of European Economic Co-operation, Mr. Bevin said that the Organisation was designed both to ensure the most effective use of the generous American assistance and to achieve the earliest possible independence from outside economic aid by the mobilisation of collective resources.

"We can look back today with some measure of pride and satisfaction on a year of unremitting hard work and encouraging achievement," Mr. Bevin added.

"The first steps towards European recovery have been taken. Organised economic co-operation between the 19 member countries,

from being an ideal and an experiment, has become a daily activity.

"But we have only just started on this road. As we continue and more closely to grips with the long-term economic problems of Western Europe, we shall need all our wisdom and our tenacity to solve them.

"We in this country have taken a leading part both in the setting up of ECEC and in all its activities. We believe in its aims and have confidence in its future and we shall continue to give of our best to ensure its success."—Reuter.

HUNT THE THAR IN SURREY

Chessington, April 16.

Easter holidaymakers in this district have been offered a reward in the game of "Hunt the Thar."

For the thar, a Himalayan wild goat, decided today to take a holiday itself, and escaped from its paddock at a private zoo here by leaping an eight-foot-six fence.

It is now roaming the countryside, and blue-helmeted policemen are searching the Surrey lanes for one shaggy brown, leaping goat.

The local people are helping in the search, and will vie with holiday-makers for the reward.—Reuter.

Blackjack Her Only Weapon

Paduah, Kentucky, April 16.

The people of McCracken County in the heart of Kentucky, a State famed for its gun-play, have chosen for their sheriff a pretty brunette aged 33, who does not like guns.

She replaces her husband, who was appointed police chief. "I don't like guns," says this new sheriff, who weighs only six stone 11 pounds. She plans to carry only one weapon, a blackjack, which she neatly in her hand, bag with her lipstick and powder puff.—Reuter.

Pro-Leopold Outburst in Belgium

Brussels, April 15.

Thousands of Brussels' men and women sang Belgium's national anthem and chanted "we want our king" when Princess Josephine Charlotte, daughter of exiled king Leopold, visited a day nursery in the heart of the working class district today.

The 21-year-old princess was mobbed by crowds who broke their way through the crowd. She shouted: "Leopold, Leopold" as she made eight appearances on the balcony. The princess has been in Belgium for five days on her first visit since the King and his family went into exile. She will return to Switzerland tomorrow.—Reuter.

BRITAIN SPENDS A SUNNY EASTER

London, April 15.

The sun greeted holidaymakers today as the temperature in London soared into the seventies for the first time this year. By 3.00 p.m. the thermometer was at 73 degrees Fahrenheit, the warmest day since last September and the hottest April day for years.

Before midday, traffic was streaming along the main roads out of the capital at the rate of nearly 18,000 vehicles an hour, while at London stations extra trains were expected to be put on to cope with the long queues of travellers.

Thousands took advantage of the cheap day trips to Brighton, Bournemouth, and other South Coast resorts. Most seaside holiday towns enjoyed unbroken sunshine.

Mailboats to Eire from the Welsh port of Fishguard were crowded while in the North of England the Lake district of Westernland and Cumberland had its biggest Easter rush since before the war.

Holiday crowds throughout the country spent the day in the open air, in the parks and on the beaches. Temperatures in many resorts reached over 70 degrees Fahrenheit during the afternoon, claimed as local records for the time of the year.

The King and Queen, spending Easter at the Royal Lodge, Windsor, were enjoying a quiet week-end. The King sat in the grounds in the sun; the Queen, with Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Margaret, walked to church across the Park.

Continental airline services were booked to capacity at Northolt and London Airports. Easter visitors from abroad included 50 Norwegians visiting Newcastle-on-Tyne. They were given a civic reception this evening as the biggest party from Norway to visit the city since the war.

Nearly 9,000 tons of fish were landed at Dover (North East England) ports during Holy Week. Hull had the heaviest landing in any week since the war.

Easter fashions and summer dresses appeared on the streets of London, and flower shops were filled with daffodils, pink tulips, lilac, primroses and violets.

Catholics at Westminster Abbey watched the ancient "Mandatum" ceremony of the washing of the feet, performed in memory of Christ's washing of the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. The ceremony was carried out today by Monsignor George Cavenish, titular Bishop of Sebastopolis.

Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, is still convalescing from a recent illness. As church-goers attended the Holy Week services, the early rush of holiday-makers began to stream from the capital. The first to leave were about 1,600 continental travellers packed into port trains for France. Others left for Ireland, Scotland and English seaside resorts.

Water-Bus

British railways ran extra trains, but queues of travellers still waited at the main line stations. Fog in the Straits of Dover was still delaying Channel shipping this afternoon, though there were brilliant sunshine and a clear blue sky over the land.

Easter, 1949, is proving the busiest holiday for air travel since the war. Twenty-one services in each direction between London and Paris—three times the normal number—were announced today by the British European Airways, all fully packed.

Londoners still in town patronised the Thames water-buses—just reopened for the summer.

Many brought hot-cross buns, the traditional English Good Friday fare, marked with a cross, from bakers whose supplies were far too small to meet the demand.

In Europe, a burst of warm sunshine today greeted Europeans enjoying the year's first holiday in town or countryside, on the lakes or at the seaside. Many places in Western Europe reported warm sunny weather.

In Paris, the temperature at 4.00 p.m. was 25 degrees Celsius. All expresses out of Paris were doubled and it was estimated that at least 150,000 left the city for the holiday.

Berlin Exodus

From all four sectors of Berlin people crammed trains and underground trains to reach the forests and lakes surrounding the city. In hot sunshine hundreds sat on the cafe terraces in the Kurfuerstendamm to watch the "fashion parade."

In the Soviet sector, there were queues in front of "free" restaurants selling slices of cream cakes off the ration at five Eastern marks a slice. New York revelled in the balmy weather of the year, but in parts of Missouri and Minnesota, people were digging out through deep snow.

In Jerusalem, the Holy City, now split between the Arab and Jewish forces, Good Friday passed almost unnoticed, but a few members of the Christian community crossed to the Old City to attend services.

In Poon, India, hillstones as big as duck eggs killed scores of birds and smashed windows during a torrential rainstorm. A gale tore thatched roofs off cottages and sent them whirling away in the air.—Reuter.

Metropolitan Victimised

Paris, April 16.

Monsieur Seraphin Loukinnoff, Metropolitan of the Russian Orthodox church in Paris, was chloroformed yesterday and robbed of 400,000 francs.

The clergyman, aged 69, was found by his housekeeper in his small flat shortly after two men posing as police agents entered the house in the pretext of having important papers for him to sign.

Missing from the flat, he told police, were 400,000 francs he had withdrawn from the bank on Tuesday for church funds as well as his watch and gold rings.—United Press.

LAKE TRAGEDY

Rome, April 15. Franco Alati, a customs guard aged 20, was held in custody today while the police dragged Lake Albano, near here, for the body of his fiancée, Eleonora Suracini, aged 24. It was alleged that five shots were fired at the girl as she was swimming to the shore after being thrown into the water from a rowing boat yesterday.

The Pope's summer palace stands on the shores of Lake Albano.—Reuter.

PONTIFF AND THE HOLY CITY

Vatican City, April 16.

Pope Pius XII, on this Good Friday—anniversary of the death of Jesus Christ—asked that an international regime be instituted for Jerusalem and its surroundings.

The plan was contained in an encyclical letter, dated today, to all Catholic bishops of the world. The letter, entitled "Redemptoris Nostri"—from our Redeemer—is complementary to the Pontiff's encyclical of October 24 last year which appealed for peace in the Holy Land.

The Pope's letter today "noted with joy" that peace had come to Palestine.

The Pope's letter made four primary requests. They are: 1—That an international regime be established for Jerusalem and its surroundings.

2—That care and safety of the Holy Places in the area be guaranteed and that all pilgrims be permitted to enter it with safety.

3—Freedom for Catholic religious institutions in the area.

4—Conservation of Catholic rights, won after many centuries.—Associated Press.

HEALTH DRIVE TO AID CHINA

Geneva, April 16.

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and World Health Organisation today approved a joint programme to expand activities in China.

The programme includes setting up an extensive training scheme in child health for Chinese personnel, an anti-tuberculosis drive and fly control demonstration service to combat typhoid and dysentery.

The announcement said these diseases cost the lives of 3,000,000 Chinese children every year.—United Press.



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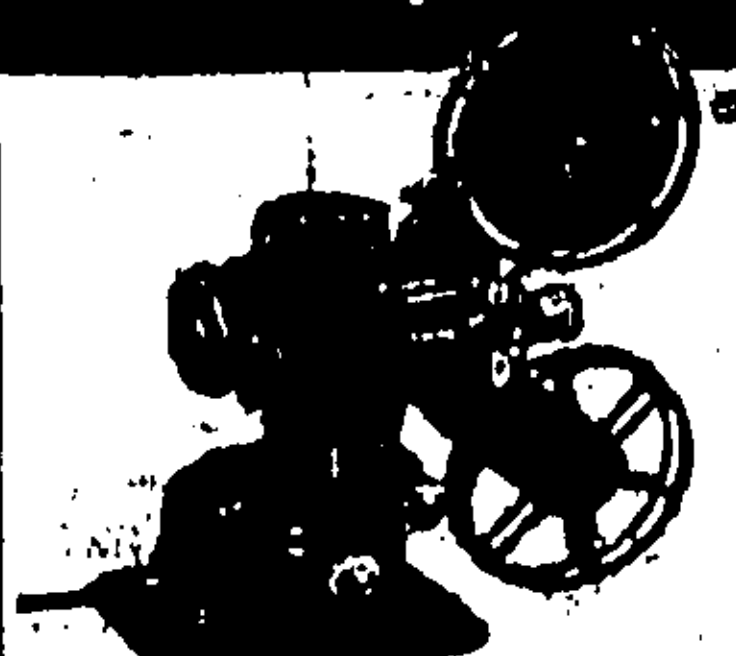
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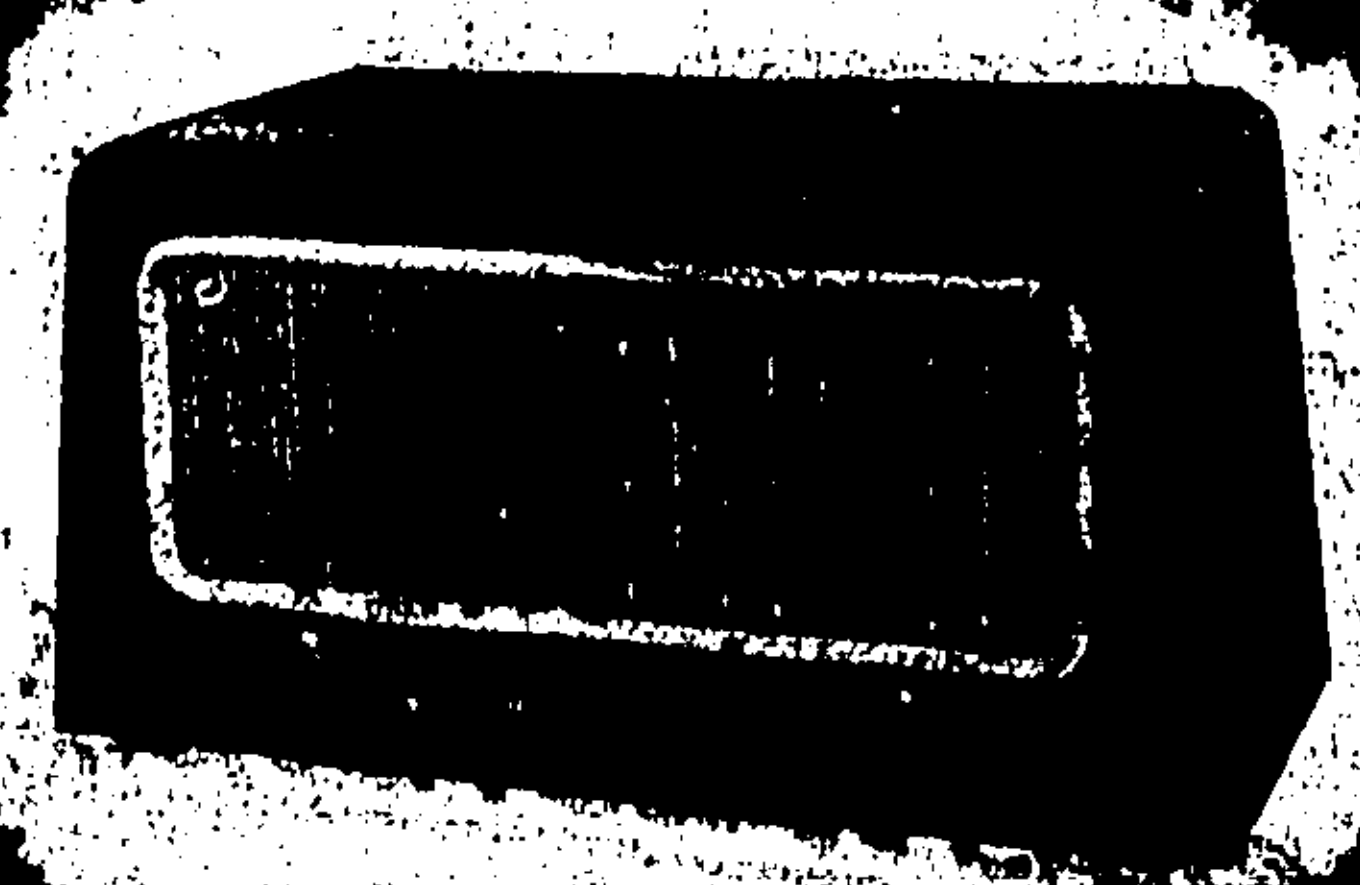


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HENRY HARROD DID AN 86-HOUR WEEK

John Hall tells the story of the "cash-and-courtesy" founder of a world-famous business which celebrates its 100th birthday this year.

The day Henry Harrod moved out of London to start a new business "in the country"—in the village of Knightsbridge, less than a mile from Hyde Park Corner—the news looked just about the same as it does today, 100 years later.

The newspapers were full of murders, fires, suicides, complaints about living costs, and alarm on the Stock Exchange, and there were new discussions about abolishing the death penalty.

As Harrod sawed his slum on the windows of a double-fronted shop overlooking the narrow road that ran through the village from London to Knightsbridge, people were denouncing the "hideous railway" and another (the second) attempt to assassinate Queen Victoria, looking nervously at a war in the Balkans in which the Russians had intervened, and saying that "there's no stop in Russia now, they'll be on the Rhine in no time."

Out on the coast, motor accidents, news about television, radio, and cinema from today's newspapers, and the news would look very like the news that Henry Harrod read.

But out in that Knightsbridge he was probably away from most of it. He opened shop at 7 a.m., stayed open until 10 p.m., on weekdays and 11 p.m. on Saturdays. Then he joined his family in the living-rooms behind the shop.

Anyhow, stepping out into town, along to Hyde Park Corner and Piccadilly, after dark was a risky business. Footpads were the danger then.

Commercially, Henry Harrod was a bold man. He started by snubbing the "contact men" of the day—people who used to demand a bribe of four guineas for introducing the custom of the "quality" who lived in the large houses and refused to give credit.

He said cash and courtesy counted, and there he was with his flowing cravat and white smock, lying out and talking cash, helped by two men who were paid 20s. a week and an errand boy whose contract stipulated that he must arrive at work with a clean face.

Henry Harrod started by selling tea, soap, and candles—that was the foundation of the now world-famous store that is celebrating its centenary this year—and he probably aimed at making £300 or £4 a week, which was a comfortable living in the 1840's.

Very comfortable with income tax at 6d. in the £—though his customers were grumbling about the scuttlerish Government that had just put through a £34,000,000 Budget, (1940-49 Budget—£2,975,000,000.)

It was rumoured that a doctor, Mr. Whiteley, who in Biggleswade had introduced lady shop assistants, but Henry Harrod stuck to men.

There was only one place for women with their light-facing and their bustle, and that was behind a shop counter. Men were more civil and more practical, and in case they were not punctual Mr. Harrod found them 10d. for over 15 minutes they were late.

In those days, most of the 21 per cent. duty on tea was 1s. 2d. per lb. A case of 100 lb. of tea, a dress, and a hat, cost 15s. 6d. and a box of 100 lb. of tea, a coat, and a hat, cost 15s. 6d.

From a Sunday newspaper Mr. Harrod read that for 22s. he could buy a dinner, and newspaper business was a good one. A good day school, attached to the army, and a card of £50 was being offered by a Mrs. Weller to a young man who could find someone to buy a Christmas chicken stuffed with an orange.

Adventure Called
News was filtering through about a good rush in California (the Forty-Niners), and anyone with £10 could get an emigrant passage to South Africa with 20

acres of land at the other end of the world. But disappointed emigrants—many had gone from Ireland and Scotland because of famine—were returning and being scolded because, as the nation's leaders said, they had realized that the chief requisite of a good emigrant was hard work. The Colonies were saying that the wrong sort of people were emigrating.

Atom-bombs had not been heard of, but if Mr. Harrod had any teeth missing he could have the gaps filled by dentists who were preaching that they could "now supply the loss of teeth upon the principle of atmospheric pressure, which entirely obviates the use of wire, springs, extractions of stumps, or giving any pain"—a full set for £3.

As his business grew, Henry Harrod was one of the first to sell a very special line—striking matches at 1s. a box. But more than matches, cash, or courtesy, what really made Henry Harrod prospered in the 1851 Exhibition, almost on his doorstep, in Hyde Park. (This should encourage shopkeepers near the Waterloo site of the exhibition to be held in 1951.)

Business began booming as soon as preparations for the exhibition commenced. Knight-bridge prospered, and though the rates went up, continued to prosper. So did Henry Harrod.

A young man named Dickens

H.K. Man Visits Occupied Japan

(Continued from Page 10)
In Tokyo the business centre known to foreigners is almost intact although the factory areas have suffered severely. The fact of Tokyo being crowded with cars (mainly military) and with people, and the fact that a number of G.I.s are most friendly and helpful to tourists.

The man on the street does not seem to resent the foreign occupation of Japan, and the people are just as polite to foreigners as before. However, people of the privileged classes, especially those educated abroad, resent the requisitioning by the occupying forces of all the better residences, clubs, cinema, theatre, hotels and restaurants into which Japanese may not enter, even as guests.

However, we were informed that there are no overt acts of resentment or hostility and the whole of Japan is absolutely safe for travelling even for single members of allied forces or their dependents.

Cost Of Living
The cost of living in Japan is very high and the wages of Japanese are relatively low, but the people look healthy. The Japanese have benefited greatly by Government subsidised rations of rice and flour, free luncheon for school children and cheap luncheons (probably subsidised) supplied by unions for the workers.

The children in Japan are especially healthy and vigorous. Probably for the first time in the history of Japan they are educated as children and not as potential soldiers.

As a result of the economic conditions there has been a notable increase in certain types of crime—pickpockets and burglars being particularly active. Indeed, the old statement that in Japan one does not have to lock one's house while away no longer holds good. On our first night in Kobe three cabins with sleeping occupants were burgled and all clothing removed, while the ship next to ours lost all the covers from the chairs in the lounge. Although

I have been spending a week as guest of a Berlin family, living in a little suburban home the same size as my own, and the same distance from Berlin's centre as mine is from Piccadilly.

It was Elsbeth's idea. Many years ago she shared a study in a German finishing school. Where she learned to be a good hausfrau and to speak her language.

She wrote to me: "I am a Berlin housewife now, and have four children. Come and visit us and see how we live."

I accepted, on condition that she made no special preparations and treated me as one of the family.

I rang the front-door bell, but the electricity was out, so I had to wait round the back. They were all in the kitchen (their own warm room). Elsbeth—the same

was writing things about conditions in England which made some people squirm—the first chapters of "David Copperfield" were being published as Mr. Harrod moved to Knightsbridge, but with gin at 1s. 9d. a bottle and whisky at 3s. 6d. a bottle the seminar could be forgotten.

A week in Paris, France and hotel, cost five guineas, and for 1s. 6d. Henry Harrod could have gone to His Majesty's Theatre and enjoyed Jenny Lind, "The Sweetest Nightingale," in "Lucia di Lammermoor."

But all the records show that Henry Harrod did not go gambling. He stayed in his little shop and worked—80 hours a week.

these thefts were obviously perpetrated by stevedores who were searched coming on and going off the ships by U.S. sentries, neither culprits nor goods were found. A week in Paris, France and hotel, cost five guineas, and for 1s. 6d. Henry Harrod could have gone to His Majesty's Theatre and enjoyed Jenny Lind, "The Sweetest Nightingale," in "Lucia di Lammermoor."

Slowdown Of Industrial Recovery

While in Japan we read in the local papers an article reprinted from the magazine "Fortune." American investment in Japan, \$2,000,000,000 in raw materials and food for Japanese industrial recovery, this recovery is the slowest in the world and by now has reached only about 30 per cent of its pre-war economy.

One of the causes of this slow recovery is attributed to bureaucracy. Indeed one hears and sees a lot of red tape in Japan—one business man complained that to get a bill of lading he had to sign 25 copies of one document. Another British subject, complained that it took him six months to get an entry permit into Japan in spite of having influential friends in Tokyo.

One of the most profitable Japanese industries—Tourism—has been discouraged in every possible way hitherto. Apart from excessive red tape in every port, visitors may not travel inland unless in groups of at least 12 persons and under military escort.

These precautions are not undertaken for the protection of visitors, as the whole of Japan is perfectly safe for travellers, and it is to be doubted that the authorities are afraid that a few smuggled US dollars would upset the economy of Japan. Therefore, one can only surmise that these regulations are taken in the interest of political security. Just as before the war the spy scare in Japan is widespread but the preventive measures differ considerably and do not encourage visitors to visit Japan merely for pleasure.

Housewife In Berlin

friendly Elsbeth, but plumper — Kurt aged 12, and Karl aged 12, who bowed low to me, German-fashion, and Dag, aged 4, who curtsied to the ground.

His First Job
Marta, aged 6, they explained, had gone to the West zone because she was getting skinny on Berlin rations.

Kurt was to join her next summer, "travelling black" over the

By RHONA CHURCHILL

border, to seek his first job, there being no future in Berlin for young men of 16.

This family, like countless others, was being broken up by the blockade, but was accepting its fate with a cheerful resignation which I later found was typical of Berliners under the air-lift. The winning which was so prevalent at the war's end had gone.

Elsbeth's husband, an insurance assessor, came home to lunch—the main meal of the day. It was soup that day and every other day—a nasty-looking mess of beans, shredded potatoes, and ground meat, which goes sour if left standing too long.

I found it worse than anything Mr. Stencher ever thought up for us. Elsbeth said: "Don't pretend you like it, because we shan't believe you. We find a little soup goes a long way." It certainly did.

No Shoes
After lunch Dag announced she could not go out, having no shoes. Elsbeth explained that Dag's shoes were with Hans, the cobbler, and looked like staying there for weeks.

You could get most things done for a bribe, it seemed, and little while. So we took three of my cigarettes round to Hans, who pocketed them and without sign of shame told Elsbeth he would have Dag's shoes ready in the morning.

Then we called on the grocer. Talk of Old Mother Hubbard! Every visible cupboard and shelf was bare, all available goods being in sacks on the floor.

Two drab franks were weighing out, around wheat and some bright yellow shreds, which Elsbeth said were dried potatoes. Elsbeth produced a collection of cloth bags, into which went her ration of ground wheat, shredded potatoes, powdered potatoes, and vitamin powder for the children.

The cooking fat was wrapped in a greased paper she had brought with her, and the butter patted down into her glass fruit bowl.

When a Berlin hausfrau runs out of greased paper she has to bring dishes for shopkeepers to wrap nothing. They take their time too. Nothing is pre-packed or pre-weighted, as at our grocer's.

Call On Butcher
Later we called on the butcher, who gave Elsbeth a lump of sausage meat, which we confined in another fruit bowl. Elsbeth never goes fresh meat—sausage meat taking up less space on the air-lift. She gets enough to put one tablespoonful in the family soup saucapoon most days.

On Sunday, all dressed up, we visited Elsbeth's friend, Trudi Lehmann, in the Russian sector.

Kurt looked exceedingly smart, wearing his dead grandfather's Sunday suit. The old man died last month and the family have found his scanty wardrobe invaluable.

What they have not kept they have turned into fool. Karl had to stay home, having, according to Elsbeth, nothing fit to wear.

We travelled by Underground and District lines, and everybody seemed to be carrying something. At one station a very old lady staggered in, bearing a sack of coal on her back. "They're searching the next carriage. Please help me hide," she whispered, nervously.

"They," meant the police, and Elsbeth explained that Hide-and-Seek-on-the-Underground was a game played daily between Berlin's housewives and the police, with the teams well matched.

Coat For Coal
If caught, this old lady (who had probably given an East-sector housewife a coat or a gold brooch for that sack of coal) would lose the coal and might go to jail.

Jail was unlikely—Berlin's jails already being over-filled with coal-hauling hausfraus. But you never know.

At the next station we surrounded the old lady, helped her shoulder her rucksack, and bundled her into the carriage behind, as the police entered the front of ours. Moving rearwards a station, she might reach her destination safely.

Elsbeth knew exactly how this game was played, having herself run the blockade with shopping bags bulging with coal and potatoes, traded with her old school-friend Trudi Lehmann for bottled cherries. Trudi, an East-sector hausfrau, has no garden, so no fruit. But, thanks to Russian window-dressing, she has 20 times as much coal as Elsbeth, and potatoes in abundance.

So Elsbeth and Trudi swap food, just as they swap kitchen-knives in their school days. Only now it is swapping to keep alive, and it is called Black Market.

Elsbeth gives Karl's outgrown clothes, her preserves, and powdered (air-lift) potatoes, and gets green vegetables, fresh potatoes, and coal in exchange.

The Red Window
Since the blockade started Trudi has been living comparatively comfortably as part of Russian's Berlin shop window. She has had her basic rations greatly increased.

She has electricity all day, her husband earns good money, and nobody has tried to turn her son into a Young Communist.

It is as though the Red Hand is hovering over Eastern Berlin without settling and gripping, as it has clearly done in other German cities.

It is a benevolent hand too. One that brings food, light, and heat in comparative abundance. One that points a finger to the West, indicating that it is a far better thing to be Trudi Lehmann of Eastern Berlin than Elsbeth Vogel of Fromau suburb.

But it hoodwinks no one. After being wooed, won, and let down by Adolf Hitler, the Elsbeths and Trudis of Berlin are cool, critical, and sceptical towards their new saviors.



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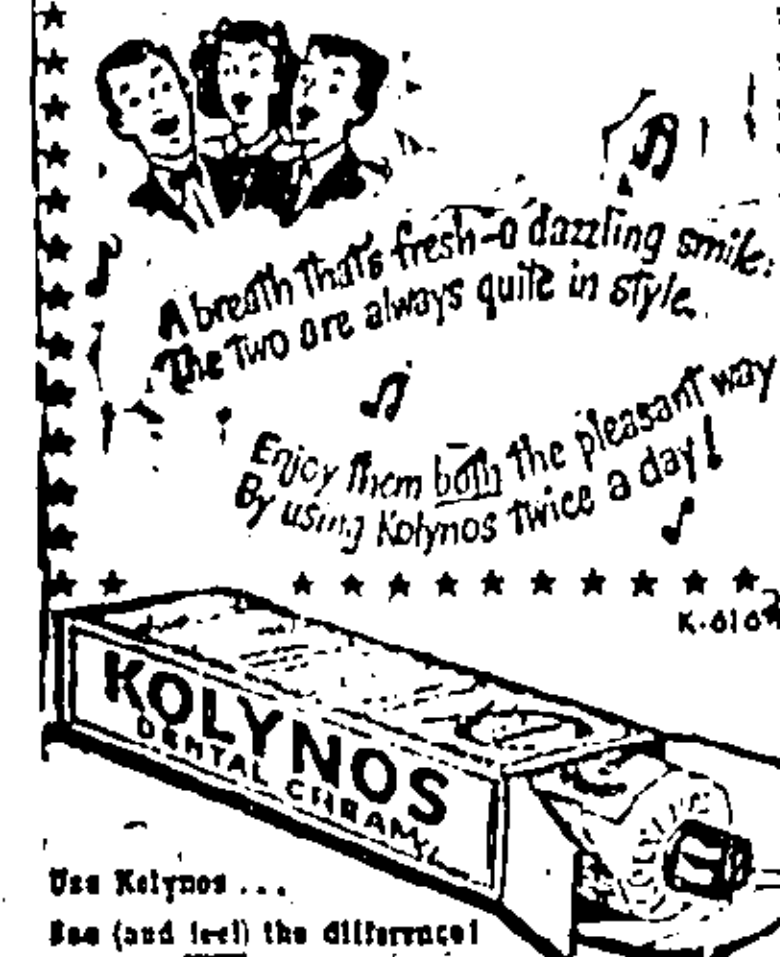


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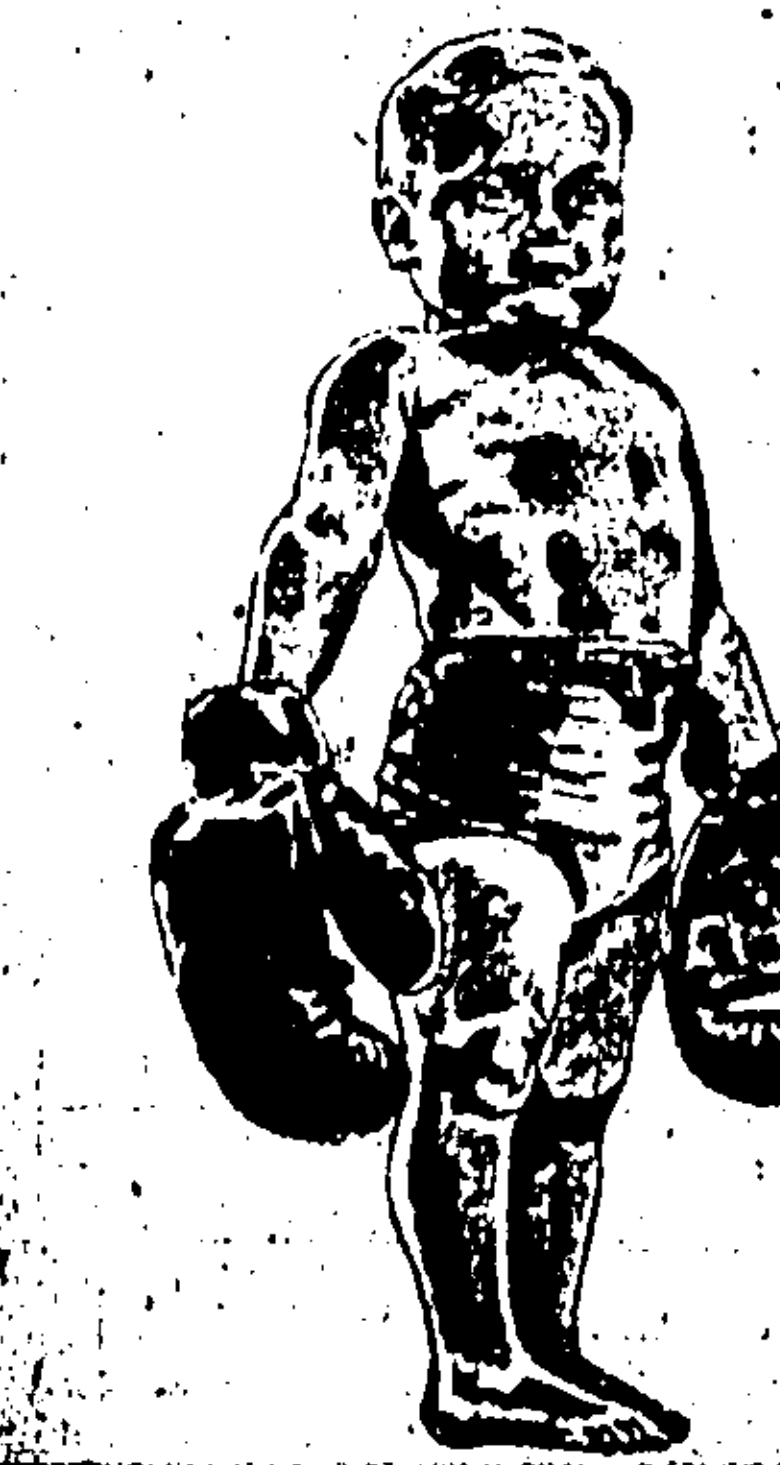
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INFLATION OUT OF HAND IN SHANGHAI

RECORD SLUMP OF YUAN

Shanghai, April 15. Despite the state of optimistic reports regarding the progress of the peace conference, China's inflated gold yuan currency experienced a record slump of 40 per cent against foreign currencies and gold today.

The latest gold yuan decline coincided with the record increase in the Shanghai Municipal Government's cost of living index, which at 15,140 represents a rise of 245 per cent for the period of 15 days over the index figures of 3,402 on March 31.

This is the steepest climb since the index was introduced in 1945 as the basis for the payment of wages and salaries.

Financial observers point to this big jump in living costs as irrefutable evidence that the value of gold yuan is depreciating at a much faster rate than its predecessor, known as the CMC (Chinese National currency).

The United States dollar, which stood at around 90,000, 24 hours earlier, soared to 123,000 this morning, while gold bars touched 8,000,000 per ounce, compared with 4,600,000 last evening.

For sales against cheques dated tomorrow, the United States dollar tonight was quoted at 148,000 and gold bars at 7,200,000 gold yuan.

Shanghai, April 15. China's inflation, now so swift that the printing presses cannot keep up with it, has this city in such confusion that even experts do not know what to do.

The cost of living index, denominator which theoretically keeps wages high enough to supply the essentials of life, jumped 350 per cent during the first 15 days of April.

But shortage of banknotes—evidence that the presses can no longer print money as fast as its value shrinks—increased chaos and produced all sorts of complicated money juggling.

To understand all this, imagine a bathtub full of water with the drain plug out and the tap running.

The water level represents the value of all the money in circulation. The draining represents the constant shrinkage in value. The tap is the printing press pouring in more money.

Yet the tap at full blast cannot keep up with the drain and the water level keeps falling. For several weeks the total value of the money in circulation has not been sufficient for the city's operation.

The banks lacked banknotes to cash workers' cheques and gave out various types of cashier orders which were discounted on the street for cash. How would you like to have your pay reduced 20 per cent or more in order to obtain the cash which your creditors demanded? That problem confronted the underpaid Chinese workers.

Silver Dollars
Employers realizing their plight, tried various strategies

to get around the discounts. Although this is illegal some paid in foreign currencies at the exchange rate of the day, but not every employer possessed foreign currency.

Many had only gold yuan in their bank deposits and could do nothing but issue cheques. Everybody was trying to exert their influence to obtain cash and harassed bankers were hanging up their phones on their best friends.

Illegal silver dollars—pre-war coins which began appearing when the yuan got scarce—were in such heavy demand that their price was driven up to US\$1.30, although their intrinsic value was less than one-half U.S. dollar and their pre-war level was three to one. This lofty price was causing a rush of silver dollars into Shanghai from all over China, but even so, supply remained short and their value, which was purely fictitious, continued to climb.

A Paradox

This resulted in the paradox where the United States dollar, the world's most valuable medium, was losing buying power as commodity prices tended to attach themselves to the illegal silver dollar.

It appears that inflation is running wild, with little effort to control it by the Government, which is concentrating on making peace with the Communists to the exclusion of other problems.

The cost of living index for April 15 was 15,140, compared with the April 1 index of 3,402.—Associated Press.

JUVENILE IN COURT RUMPUS

Glasgow, April 16. A 16-year-old boy threw a glass decanter full of water at the sheriff who had just sentenced him to 28 days' imprisonment in the juvenile court here today for assaulting a police officer by threatening him with a revolver.

The sheriff ducked and the decanter, narrowly missing his head, dented the wall surface as glass fragments flew about the court.

The boy then lifted a glass tumbler but a court officer knocked it from his hands. A detective who grappled with the boy hurt his hand in the struggle. It was thought a bone was fractured and the detective was taken to hospital.—Reuter.

FRENCH GENERAL IN CANADA

Ottawa, April 15. General Georgeo Revero, French Chief-of-Staff, has been conferring with Canadian military leaders during his three-day visit to Canada.

No announcement has been made on the discussions, but they are known to have included informal talks on the Atlantic Pact.—Reuter.

"QUADS" DIE

Melbourne, April 15. Quadruplets—three girls and a boy—born to Mrs. George Shilton in a Melbourne hospital yesterday, have died.—Reuter.

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JAPANESE LIVING BEYOND MEANS

Tokyo, April 15.

SCAP's top economic policy-maker told the Japanese people today that Japan has been living far beyond its means.

Mr. Joseph M. Dodge, SCAP's highest financial adviser, reminded the people in a statement today that they have suffered severe losses economically and territorially as a result of war and the situation aggravated by the large gain in population every year.

Despite this, he said, there seems to be astonishingly little comprehension among the Japanese of the real situation of their country. Nothing should have been expected, as a result of the war, but a long term of hardship and self-denial but the nation has continuously been living beyond its means.

There has been a general disposition in the Japanese Government to accede to any demand to spend more and more, and to attempt to spend every source of income more than once. Too much of this spending has not been put to productive use.

Mr. Dodge declared that any measurement of direct or indirect losses resulting from the war will clearly show that Japan cannot afford to dissipate its capital. It has suffered severe physical losses and damage, and economic and financial dislocations.

ting off of United States aid in six months unless Japan stops living beyond its means.

These quarters, which preferred not to be named, said the limit had about been reached where words can woo or frighten the Japanese away from the "Alice in Wonderland" pattern of economic thinking.

Mr. Dodge, General MacArthur's financial adviser, has, since February 1, been holding innumerable conferences with Japanese Government and economic leaders on productive use of the US\$1,000,000 daily United States aid—Reuter and United Press.

SEARCH FOR LOST GOLD MINE

Mesa, Arizona, April 15. Eight men, equipped with treasure maps and "scientific know-how" went into the rugged mountains today, in search of the fabulous Lost Dutch gold mine.

Score of persons have died in the search for the almost legendary mine, said to be the world's richest, but Merrick Lewis, a sophomore at the University of Arizona in Tucson, said he hoped months of careful preparation will enable his group to get through 170 miles of the wildest country in Arizona. "At least we hope to find an explanation for the deaths of many of our predecessors," he said.

The party shrugged off the legendary Apache Indian curse on any white person invading the area. The curse dates back 80 years to a massacre in which the Apaches wiped out 400 men and 1,000 mules sent into the mountains for gold.

Old-timers claim the secret of the mine's location was lost forever with the death years ago of Jacob Waltz, the lost Dutchman.—United Press.

Cominform Names "The Aggressors"

Bucharest, April 16. The Cominform Bulletin yesterday named 10 leaders of the Western world as potential aggressors.

Heading the list were President Truman of the U.S., Pope Pius XII of the Catholic Church, the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, Winston Churchill, and Generalissimo Franco of Spain.

The newspaper, published by the Communist International Information Bureau, said those men and others it listed "will not be able to unleash war in the face of the mounting movement for peace and freedom."

(The publication elaborated on a new Communist propaganda line which tries to picture the Soviet Union, her satellites and world Communists as striving

to maintain world peace.) Others listed as potential aggressors include the U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, the Italian Premier, Alcide de Gasperi, Dr. Kuri Schumacher, leader of the German Social Democratic Party, and "American multi-millionaires, the militarist Right Wing Socialists and the German Hitlerites."

Further, the paper declared that Russia, China, the "popular Democracies" of Eastern Europe, colonial peoples and Communists in every country will "smash the aggressors" if war is unleashed.—Associated Press.

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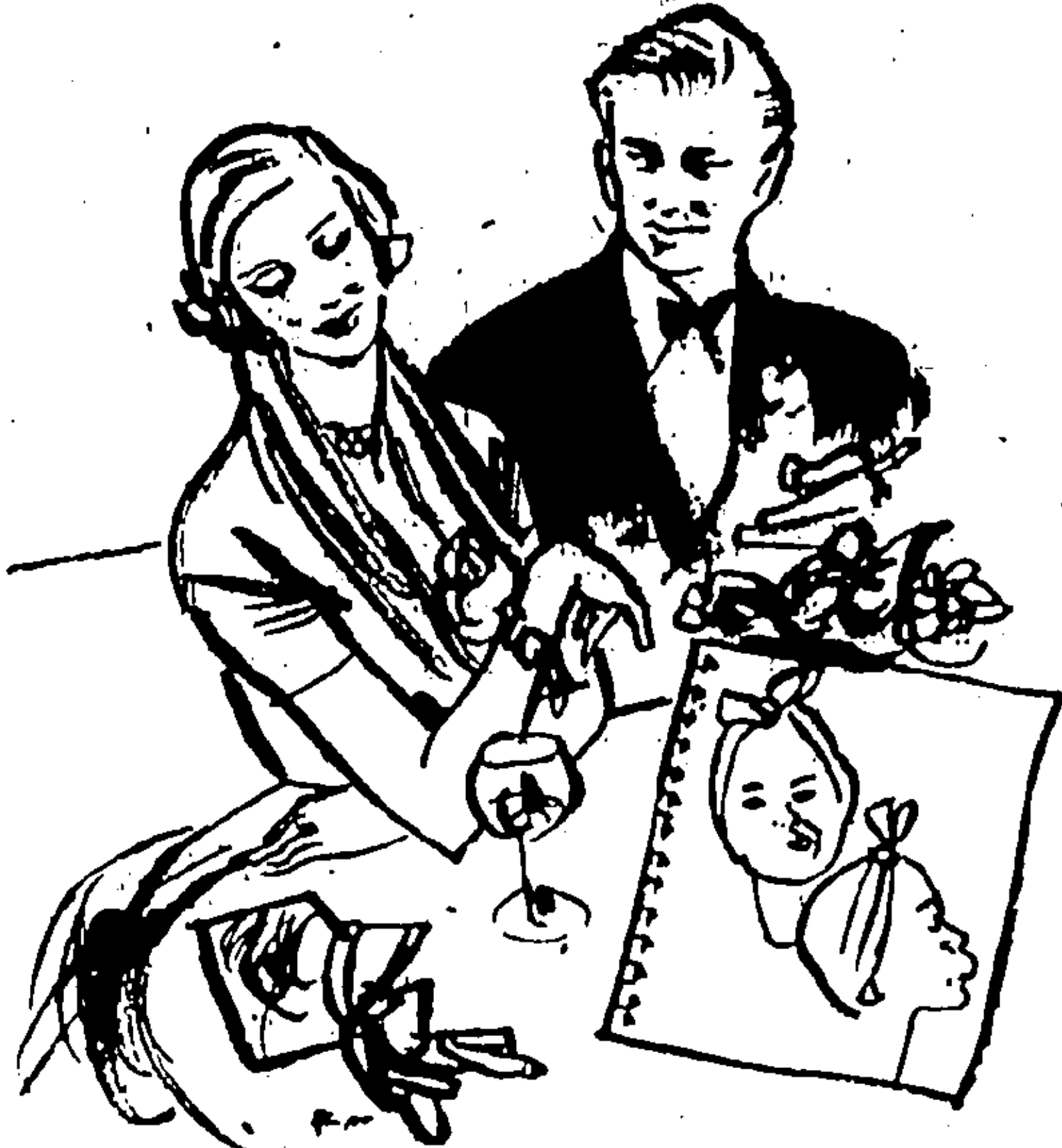
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Between Ourselves

Where There's A Will — There's A Way —



By IRIS ASHLEY

Heaven knows what the gentleman was saying to the lovely lady in the restaurant as Francis Marshall sketched them at their table.

But it is quite possible that she is thinking that all the funny faces she pulled in order to tone up her facial muscles are paying dividends.

Those odd expressions you see in the small sketch are taken from a book published by Faber and Faber today called "Personality Unlimited," by Veronica Duggan.

This is a very comprehensive tome on beauty culture. In fact, it gives you the works! If Noel Coward will excuse me, "There isn't a single part of you that isn't known, remembered, and if not loved—dealt with."

There are, of course, several diets, either to add or subtract weight. The reducing one we give you here is called the One-Two-Three Diet. It is simply a pattern of three days which you repeat in rotation until you have lost the desired amount.

Before plunging headlong into this routine there are a few points to be most carefully considered.

Your doctor should know and approve. It will not succeed without intelligent and consistent effort, which means that in addition you should: Keep climatic conditions carefully up to date; not sleep more than eight hours a day; get sun and fresh air if possible; walk as much as possible (two miles is the daily aim); and do exercises daily for at least ten minutes.

What exercises? Well here are a few simple ones (not from the book, this time), which help to take it off where it can best be spared.

To pull in the tummy. Stand with feet apart, reach arms well above the head, s-l-r-e-t-c-h, then touch your toes. Do this 20 times.

Waistline and hips. Lie with your back pressed to the floor, knees bent till heels almost touch your thigh, feet together. Keeping shoulders flat to the floor, touch the floor each side with your knees in a pendulum sort of movement.

Upper thigh (summer and bathing suits on the way). Hold the back of a chair for support then swing your leg forward and back, as high as you can. Each leg 12 times.

Reducing the buttocks (the name is not elegant, but it's clear). This one is from the book. Sit on a bare floor, back straight, arms forward, and legs stretched in front. Now in little "hitching" movements bump across the floor from one end of the

room to the other. Without turning, bump back.

First Day—The Liquid Day

A total of 64 oz., or two quarts, of liquid to be consumed during the day.

7 a.m.: 8 oz. of hot water with juice of one lemon added (no sugar).

8 a.m.: 8 oz. of unsweetened orange juice.

10 a.m.: 5 oz. of vegetable juice, such as carrot, celery, spinach, parsley—or any mixture of those—with a little lemon.

12 noon: 8 oz. of clear vegetable broth—no meat stock.

2 p.m.: 8 oz. of grapefruit juice, unsweetened.

4 p.m.: 5 oz. of vegetable juice.

6 p.m.: 8 oz. tomato juice (this may be heated).

8 p.m.: 6 oz. of orange juice.

10 p.m.: 8 oz. of clear vegetable broth, as above.

No other food of any kind to be taken.

Second Day—The Alkaline-Forming Day

Upon rising: 6 oz. of hot water with the juice of one lemon (no sugar).

Breakfast: 8 oz. of orange, grapefruit, or tomato juice. If you must have coffee or tea, take it half-an-hour after the juice.

Evenings: 6 oz. of raw vegetable juice.

Lunch: Cup of clear broth. Raw vegetable salad with fruit-juice dressing (if only a few pounds to be lost, a little oil dressing may be used).

Sweet: Any unsweetened acid fruit.

Cup of tea with lemon (no sugar).

Tea time: 8 oz. of fruit juice or vegetable juice.

Dinner: Cup of clear vegetable broth, or tomato juice.

Raw vegetable salad Vary vegetables as much as possible Dressing as above. Chopped nuts, unsalted, may be added.

One half-green vegetable, lemon juice for flavour. No butter.

Sweet: Stewed or raw fruit. Unsweetened.

Cup of tea with lemon, or black coffee.

Third Day—Full Diet

This day's menu should include a protein dish (fish, meat, eggs

Dual Personality

By JANET MARTIN

This year's summer dresses are more interesting to the woman-in-the street than anything we have seen since long before the days of austerity.

We don't have to conceal our longings for a bit of frivolity beneath the severity of square shoulders and starkly tailored lines. Neither, thank heaven, are we being forced into those bouffant little numbers with thickly gathered skirts which positively demand a willowy figure and a 22 inch waist!

This season, we really can pay our money and take our choice. It is making the right choice that is left to us, though heaven knows we get enough advice about it! There is an air of dual personality about most of the summer collections. Not of the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde variety, of course, for our fashion personalities are equally attractive but quite different.

Little Jackets

It is the lavish use of little jackets, boleros, capelets and stoles which provide the surprise element. A smart linen two-piece will transform itself into a gay beach frock, while its jacket will enter into a new partnership with shorts. Morning prints shed their boleros to reveal the latest afternoon necklines. Later day frocks, at the flick of a jacket-top, become model ballet-length dance frocks with boned bodices and strapless tops.

The little jacket idea started last summer, but this season it comes to the high tide of popularity, and here are a few of the latest versions.

Noon To Night

My favourite to date is an afternoon-to-evening model in that pearl grey which looks so well against a tanned skin. This has a short, lightly boned bodice, shaped to two points over the bust, with a deep V between and finished with a row of tiny self-covered buttons to the waist. The skirt has small, slanted tucks at the waist front and a double cascade drape at the back, which gives black fullness without too much width.

Ann Temple Control Of Emotions

I have to give evidence soon in a case about an accident. I feel very deeply about it. How can I keep my emotions under control? There's sure to be a lot of questioning.

How can be sure of keeping calm and being what is called a "good witness"?—BRID.

Answer the question asked—no more, no less.

Brid: It would be if witnesses listened to the question. Nine out of ten don't. They will think of their answers beforehand, plan how to answer, what to answer, what impression to give. Result—they snatch at the question before it is all out and fit it to some answer they have in their mind. So keep your brain on ice, give

or cheese) with one meal; a starch with another. If preferred they may be combined (meat and potatoes) at dinner. The outline as below is ideal.

Upon rising: 6 oz. of hot water with the juice of one lemon.

Breakfast: Orange or grapefruit juice, or whole fruit. Black coffee.

Lunch: half a glass of tomato juice. Raw vegetable salad. Baked potato or wholemeal bread or rice or spaghetti.

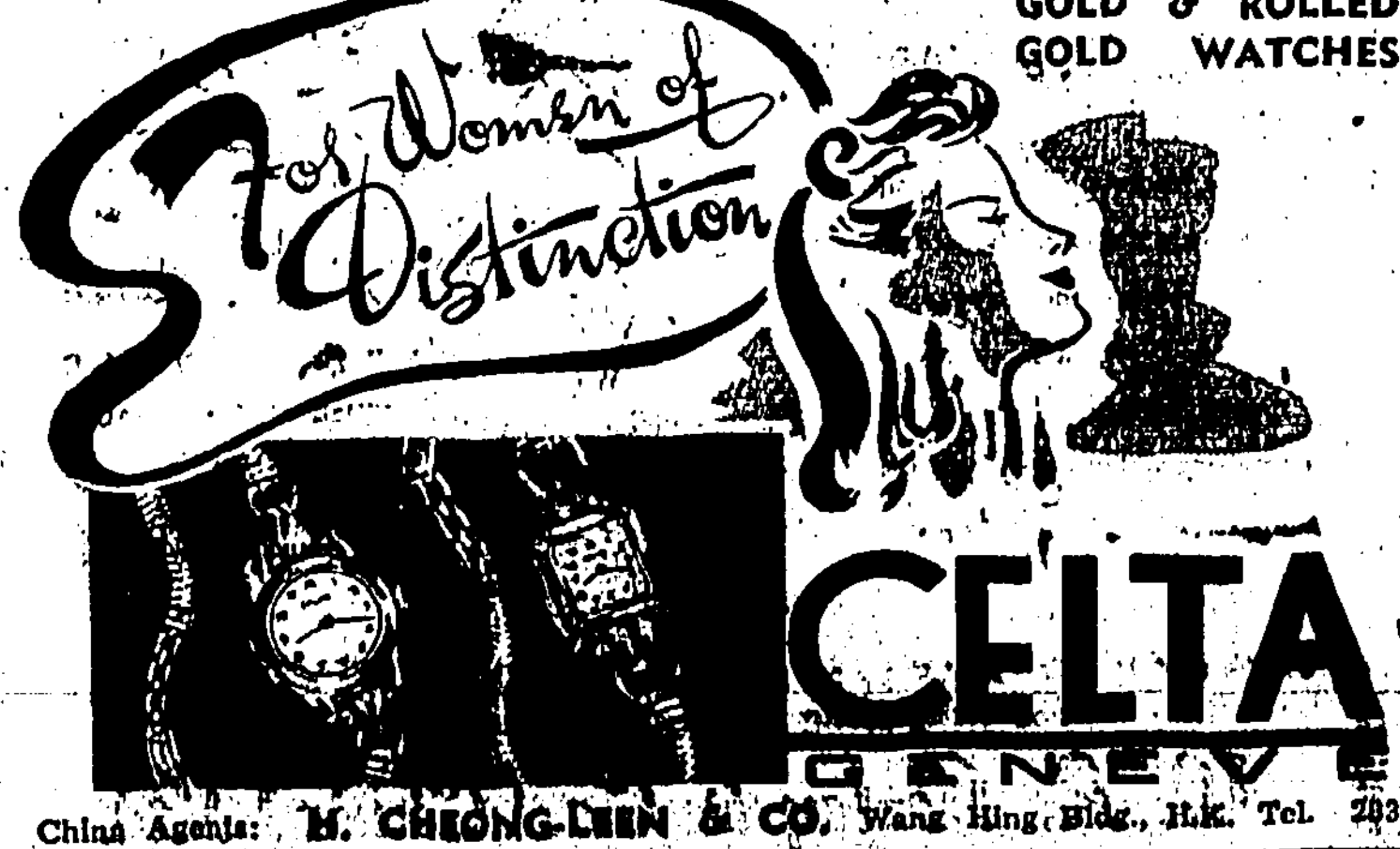
Sweet: Choice (only one) of raisins, figs, dates, banana, or grapes. Cup of tea or coffee with milk sugar desired.

Dinner: Cup of broth. Raw salad. Grilled or roast meat. 2 cooked vegetables.

Sweet: Raw citrus fruit, jelly or fruit ice.

Small cup black coffee or tea with lemon.

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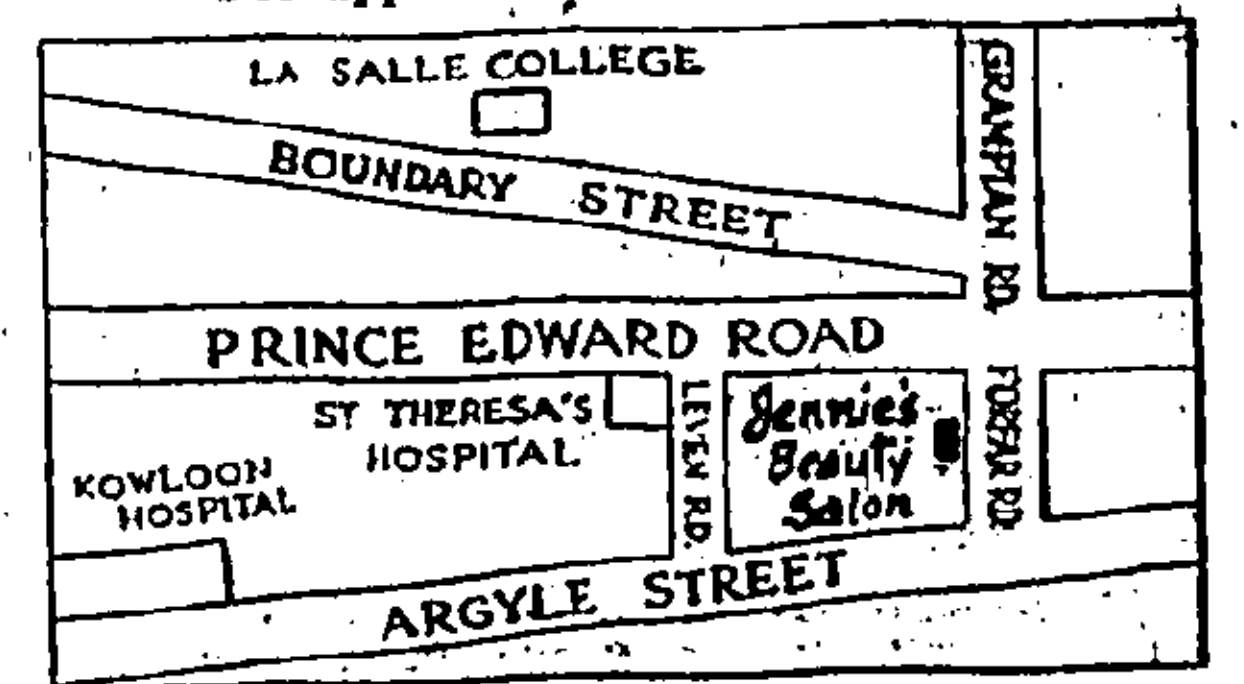
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Between Ourselves

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Accent On The Drapery



A black gown with a coat dress with one-sided drapery (left) swathed over the hips and allowed to fall (middle), and panel drapery with concealed hip pocket on navy and white spot dress (right).

By EDNA McKENNA

This season the history of
drapery is carried a step forward
and provides some interesting de-
velopments.

Subtle drapery emphasis is laid
on bosom and covered, shoulders of
afternoon and evening dresses by
means of soft, folded folds of
material white floating scarves
and -dresses create "angel" drapery
effects.

Thin, illusion drapery intro-
duces it for day dresses. Thin
skirts with flying panels over in
narrow sheath have already been
much copied in the mid-season
collections and will soon be on
sale.

Sometimes the panels encircle
the skirt beneath, or fly out at the
back or front of the dress; some-
times they outline the hips, and
detachable panels are fastened to
the waist with a narrow belt.

One of the reasons why this new
type drapery has seized the public
imagination is that there is an
accompanying beltness. The
effect is not merely of grace but of
slimness as well.

There are tendencies also to
swathe the hips with drapery
which is fluid but closely follows
the line of the body to seize stiff
swings of material and outline the
hips or carry it forward and allow
it to fall straight down the
front of the dress.

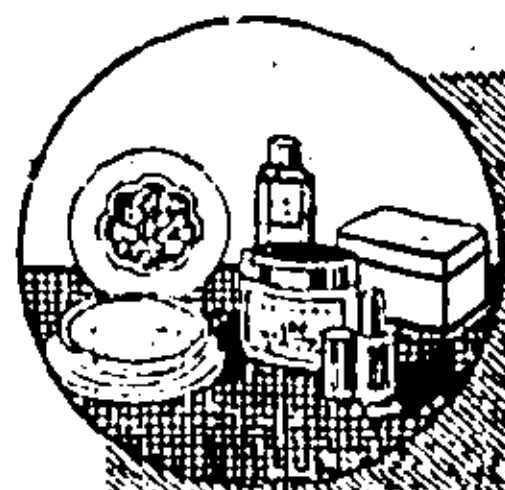
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the atmosphere of the 18th cen-
tury is still evident in the elegant
architecture of its houses. They
were built to a plan drawn by the
Earl of Burlington in 1733. Dur-
ing the succeeding years the
houses in the row were occupied
by some of the most illustrious
men and women of the day. No. 14,
where Hardy Amies, one of
Britain's "Big Dressmaking Ten"
now shows his clothes, was once
the home of the playwright
Sheridan. He lived there in 1813.
Before that time it was occupied
by Henrietta, Countess of Suffolk,
who became Mistress of the Robes
to Queen Caroline, George III's
wife, and was a friend of that

famous man of letters, Horace
Walpole who often visited her
there. Later it was rented by
Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Mel-
ville, the statesman who was the
close associate of the Premier,
William Pitt. In 1831 it became
the house of Sir Benjamin Brodie,
distinguished surgeon who knew
Samuel Rogers the poet and
Sydney Smith the philosopher.

The brick house shows many
interior Palladian influences and
there is some fine original pine
panelling in the hall. The orna-
mentation over the chimney piece
in the ground floor office is finely
carved. The showroom, formerly
the drawing-room, has pine wood-
work decorated with carved Cor-
inthian pillars. Carefully restored
the showroom today rustles
with the sound of beautiful dresses
as it did in that bygone 18th
century when silks and brocades
worn by the social beauties of
the period gleamed beneath the
clusters of primrose wax candles.



At Your Fingertips
by VICTOR MARMAK

"Dear Mr. Mamak,
I wonder if you can help me? Every time I read your column in the "Sunday Herald," I get a severe pain in the neck. How can I have glamour if my eye-brows don't turn up and I have a pain in the neck?" CUTIE.

Dear Cutie,
I am sorry you aren't glamor-ous. The pain in your neck should disappear if you ignored my column and turned instead to the children's supplement.

I would like to eradicate, is there any way of doing it? My moles are a slightly larger than a pin's head." WINNIE.

I am afraid your problem is not a simple one. Moles can be electrically burnt out and then chemically treated. But, as far as I know, such a treatment is not available in the colony. If you ever go to the United States, you will have no difficulty in having moles expertly removed.

"Dear Mr. Mamak,
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Short Hair And Easter Bonnets

By CLAUDIA

Short... but not too short. That is fashion's last word on hair styles for the summer season. Each week we see that yet more of our friends are adopting one or another of the short coiffures.

The vogue for covered ears seems to have lost most of its earlier appeal, but short locks have definitely come to stay.

For summer time, and especially here, where we have so many months of hot, sticky weather ahead, short-hair styles have every advantage. Apart from the fact that they are young looking and flattering to the face, they are easy to shampoo and brush, easy to arrange and re-arrange.

Short hair, like every other individual fashion, is not for everyone, but it will suit the vast majority of faces and take years of many of them.

Perhaps the favourite of all the short-hair styles is the smooth, gleaming cap cut, curled up at the ends only, to form a becoming frame for the face. For this style, the natural crown, if you have one, is the point from which the hair is brushed outward. If the crown point is to the side, it also can be the terminal of a fairly low side parting, which must be kept very clear and very straight.

Importance Of Cut
The hair must be cut by an expert. Then there is no end to the different ways of arrange-ment. The curled ends can be brushed out all round, halo fashion. Or, from the side parting,



A winged cap is set off by white narcissus.

the hair can be brushed smooth, then rolled into flatter curls over the ears and across the back.

Another charming arrangement for short hair is the pixie cut. From the top of the crown, the hair is brushed out smoothly all round. At the front it is combed forward on to the forehead to form a shaped bang with just a little clip in the centre. The sides



A Tuscan straw bonnet with a split brim, half satin and half straw. Black Ooprey is threaded through the front of the brim.

are brushed up for a heart-shaped frame, very young looking and appealing.

When you are having your short hair style permmed, it will be an all-over job, or ends all round, according to your choice of style. But do be sure to have it lightly done. Short hair looks simply awful—even worse than long—when it is in the grip of those tight little fezzies, curls.

So do positively insist on having a test made before you trust your locks to the solution, or whatever it is. That is the only way to find out just how much your particular type of hair needs, and I have it on the best authority that no hairdressing expert can really tell just by looking at it.

Hair And Faces
New hairstyle... new permanent... new Easter bonnet! Here are a few types of faces and the hats that go with them—all except that perfect oval, which can look lovely in absolutely anything.

For the round face the ideal of present hat fashion is the very small-brimmed type, pulled well back and sporting a large "something" at the side, to break the line. The "something" may be anything from fruit to flowers and ribbons, or the smart new gelatinous feathers.

The square face looks at its best beneath a small sailor style, with wide, shallow crown and flower-bedecked brim, and not planked too squarely on the top. A square line across the top is the right line for a triangular face... it emphasises the tapering chin. The long face needs just the opposite—a brim with a dip, or a broken crown-line.



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Agents: CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS TO	
"TSINAN"	Shanghai 10 a.m. 17th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai 5 p.m. 19th Apr.
"SHAN"	Shanghai 4 p.m. 20th Apr.
"PRODUCE"	Bangkok 25th Apr.
"HUPH"	Inchon & Tientsin 27th Apr.
"FOYANG"	Yokohama & Kobe 30th Apr.
"ROOCHOW"	Singapore, Macassar, Surabaya & Batavia 8th May.

ARRIVALS FROM	
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung 7 a.m. 16th Apr.
"SHAN"	Tientsin 9 a.m. 19th Apr.
"PRODUCE"	Onaka & Keelung 23/24th Apr.
"HUPH"	Tientsin & Inchon 25/26th Apr.
"FOYANG"	Bangkok 25/26th Apr.

RIVER SERVICE	
"FATSHAN"	Hongkong/Canton 7 a.m. 22nd April
"WUSUEH"	HK/MACAO 7.30 a.m. 18th Apr.
	MACAO/HK 7.30 a.m. 18th Apr.
	Mon. to Fri. 8.30 a.m. Mon. to Fri. 5.45 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. Sunday 6.45 p.m.

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

SCHEDULE SAILINGS TO LIVERPOOL	
via Aden & Port Said.	
"ASTYANAX"	via Genoa, Marseilles & Glasgow 24th Apr.
"CALCHAS"	via Fanger, Casablanca & Havre 8th May
"AGAPENOR"	via Genoa, Marseilles & Glasgow 24th May

Arrivals from	
"STENTOR"	U.K. via Straits 18th Apr.
"ANTENOR"	U.K. via Straits & Manila 28th Apr.
"AGAPENOR"	U.K. via Straits 3rd May
"ODIUS"	U.K. via Straits 15th May
"AEneas"	U.K. via Straits 16th May

NEW YORK SERVICE

"AGAMENNON"	from U.S.A. via Manila 25th Apr.
Carriers option to proceed via other ports to load and discharge cargo.	

Agents: Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

Sailings to	
"CHANGTE"	Kure & Yokohama 27th Apr.
"SHANSI"	Sandakan, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne 28th Apr.

Arrivals from	
"SHANSI"	Australia & Manila 21st Apr.
"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Brisbane 23rd Apr.
"SOOCHOW"	Australia & Manila 18th May

All The Above Subject To Alteration Without Notice

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HONG KONG TRADE FIGURES

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Total values of imports and exports of merchandise by Countries follow:

COUNTRIES	IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	1st quarter 1948	1st quarter 1949	1st quarter 1948	1st quarter 1949
United Kingdom	40,835,493	76,632,827	18,110,742	42,848,060
Australia	9,866,947	17,581,631	2,951,400	5,198,532
Canada	5,884,384	9,046,384	1,536,444	1,724,477
Ceylon	211,300	450,081	1,101,000	2,478,201
East Africa	456,504	216,506	1,044,044	3,240,000
India	3,874,010	8,027,103	2,622,640	10,252,170
Malaya (Incl.)	10,376,030	10,091,105	41,937,081	52,213,215
New Zealand	856,000	1,246,745	290,681	418,957
North Borneo	2,807,408	2,619,539	1,298,399	1,785,019
South Africa	2,748,001	2,009,881	1,287,079	2,477,515
West Africa	3,608	9,350	812,554	1,785,003
West India	12,067,704	10,225,480	1,721,639	3,037,812
Br. Emp. Other	14,808,591	3,684,475	3,818,252	2,423,353
Belgium	5,786,256	8,106,370	1,302,544	2,000,803
Burma	21,274,619	31,172,247	14,295,016	27,658,927
China, North	6,806,917	7,875,712	4,028,101	9,950,104
China, Middle	58,140,165	83,896,271	23,704,113	29,878,070
China, South	8,160	8,160	77,282	288,680
Cuba	301,705	729,109	185,153	1,840,120
C. America	6,648,970	1,013	722,300	1,468,211
Danmark	2,399,871	2,850,190	2,974,241	3,011,792
Egypt	5,174,441	5,892,425	4,028,008	4,309,227
France	1,938,220	6,100,768	2,144,883	2,513,051
Germany	3,199,218	2,451,110	963,588	3,068,273
Holland	21,640,093	20,128,074	3,747,554	10,176,621
Italy	1,938,220	2,451,110	963,588	3,068,273
Japan	19,305,410	22,391,762	51,206,091	20,204,181
Korea, South	2,934,003	1,766,467	812,752	769,151
Neth. E. Indies	7,745,478	7,203,449	25,616,258	18,603,552
Philippines	1,938,220	2,451,110	963,588	3,068,273
Portugal	37,928,220	30,880,220	33,325,088	43,176,481
R. America	933,084	1,223,914	1,765,433	1,166,429
Spain	747,857	1,223,914	1,765,433	1,166,429
Sweden	6,008,800	2,008,007	658,769	809,477
Switzerland	6,234,608	10,741,408	6,056,744	238,610
U.S.A.	87,919,561	110,701,053	30,642,343	37,614,765
U.S.S.R.	228,000	22,150	2,785,007	23,282,124
Korea, North	18,460,013	18,460,013	6,110,037	49,012,818
All Other Countries	6,114,290	18,460,013	6,110,037	49,012,818
Total	441,660,601	612,672,808	320,638,003	494,338,079
Tot. Br. Empire	110,619,150	127,049,012	79,462,881	127,072,581
Total Foreign	331,041,451	485,623,796	241,175,122	367,265,498

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Formosa via Keelung, 9 a.m.
Dankow (via Canton), 10 a.m.

GENERAL HOLIDAY
MAY 1st (MAY DAY)
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 17
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Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 19
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Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
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THURSDAY, APRIL 21
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FRIDAY, APRIL 22
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SATURDAY, APRIL 23
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SUNDAY, APRIL 24
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Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m.
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MONDAY, APRIL 25
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Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 26
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THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin: Airmail for Kowloon and Amoy, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 29
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m

SOME SUGGESTIONS ON LOCAL CRICKET

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FANLING GOLF TIMES

SUNDAY—APRIL 17—NEW COURSE

10.00 J.W. Alabaster v H.J. Armstrong

10.20 D. Hall v W.J. Byrnes

OLD COURSE

9.15 D.A.O. Davies v J.L.C. Pearce

9.20 T.D. Drysdale v W.H. Lydall

9.25 K.A. Miller v R.W.A. Mackintosh

9.30 N. Oliver v A. Duffy

9.35 K.H. Kinghorn v J.D. Clague

9.40 B. Hunt v C.H.T. Sun

9.45 A. MacKellar v J.L. MacIntyre

9.50 M. Puller v E.H. Mackay

9.55 H.W.K. Heath v J.J. Cornerthwaite

10.00 D.R. Hall v A.E. Looman

10.05 W.A. Nicholas v A.L.G. Eastman

10.10 G.D. Carter v F. Groves

10.15 J.M. Fattinson v E.W. Groves

10.20 W.G. Robertson v J.C. Saville

10.25 W.C. Tait v O.J. Kerr

10.30 F. de Jure v P. Laroche

10.35 H.M. Snow v J. Ranker

10.40 G.A. Pearce v R.G. Buchan

10.45 H.R. Cleland v L. Goldman

10.50 F.D. Hunter v R.E. Bailey

10.55 P. Morrison v K.A. Mason

11.00 J.M. Tan v J.T. Reid

11.05 R.S. Gordon v E.H. Salisbury

11.10 W.H. Paterson v J.L. Whelpin

11.15 J.H. Mackie v J.H. Gilliam

11.20 R.M. Wood v J.E. Richardson

MONDAY—APRIL 18—OLD COURSE

9.25 R.S. Gordon v W.O. Davies

9.30 G. Tait v J.T. Reid

9.35 H.R. Cleland v J.H. Mackie

9.40 G.W. Stewart v F.C.B. Black

9.45 F. Asquith v R. Ranker

9.50 R.L.B. Webb v J. Brown

NEW COURSE

1.44 Mrs. Shaw v D.B. Roder

1.48 Mrs. Hunt v G.D. Carter

1.52 Mrs. Hunter v A.E. Looman

1.56 Mrs. Williams v J.D. Hunter

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SUNDAY HERALD

SPORTS SECTION

HONG KONG, SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1949.



SKYMASTER WINS A RACE OF GIANTS

Skymaster, ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao, won the Sassoon Challenge Cup, on the first day of the Easter Holiday races at Happy Valley yesterday.

Only three starters out of 15 entries ran in this event, the race of giants. Skymaster did the one and a quarter miles in two minutes and 12 2/5ths seconds—two and one-half seconds longer than the record.

Vagabond King led all the way up to the home stretch, when Skymaster, which had been maintaining second position, shot to the lead. Norse Queen overtook Vagabond King at the public stand.

The cup was presented to the owner, Mr. P. Y. Wong, by Mr. Arthur Morse, Chairman of the Board of Stewards. Being in the other events was well up to standard, and in more than one case red hot favourites were displaced, resulting in good payoffs on the pari-mutuel.

The biggest win divided was paid to Vagabond King, ridden by Colonel H. T. Alexander, in the fifth race. It was at the bottom of the betting list and each of its 478 supporters received HK\$216.40.

It was, incidentally, the race that ended in the closest finish and Photo Finish had to decide which was the first, second and third ponies, the difference between them being only a head and a neck.

Mr. V. V. Needs, who was injured at the 1949 annual race meeting, was in the saddle again yesterday.

Mr. W. N. Thomas, latest of the jockey boys, won his first race on Harmony in the Yuamutai Stakes. His victory was a pleasant surprise, as Vagabond King and Zephyr, the two hot favourites, carried most of the back.

The complete results:

Shamshuipok Stakes
Race 1—For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 9. Six furlongs.

1. Shamshuipok; 2. Sprinter; 3. Betty Lou; 4. Sunny.
Won by five lengths, four lengths.

Time: 1 min. 21 1/5 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$23.40; Places \$7.80, \$6.00, \$16.80.

Yuamutai Stakes
Race 2—(First Section). For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 6. About one mile 171 yards.

1. Harmony; 2. The Alligator; 3. Zephyr; 4. Flying Knight.
Won by six lengths; one and half lengths.

Time: 2 mins. 3 1/5 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$31.60; Places \$11.00, \$18.00, \$7.50.

Apichau Handicap
Race 3—For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 5. One mile.

1. Jepp Lee; 2. Home Builder; 3. Amant; 4. Fairy Feet.
Won by two lengths; half a length.

Time: 1 min. 40 2/5 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$15.50; Places \$7.10, \$30.40, \$18.40.

Mongkoktsui Handicap
Race 4—(First Section). For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 4. Four furlongs.

1. Jepp Lee; 2. Home Builder; 3. Amant; 4. Fairy Feet.
Won by two lengths; half a length.

Time: 1 min. 18 3/5 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$27.80; Places \$10.70, \$10.00, \$12.70.

Tai Hang Handicap
Race 5—(First Section). For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 3. One and a quarter miles.

1. Jepp Lee; 2. Home Builder; 3. Amant; 4. Fairy Feet.
Won by two lengths; half a length.

1. Jepp Lee; 2. Shannon; 3. Lucky Strike; 4. Ascot Beauty.
Won by three lengths; two lengths.

Time: 2 mins. 15 4/5 secs.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$22.80; Places \$7.40, \$30.00, \$18.00.

Pokfulam Stakes
Race 6—(First Section). For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 5. One mile.

1. Victorious; 2. Battelfield; 3. Jepp Lee; 4. Belle Fontaine.
Won by a head; a head.

Time: 1:50.2.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$216.40; Places \$80.00, \$15.70, \$42.90.

Sassoon Challenge Cup
Race 7—For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 5. One mile.

1. Skymaster; 2. Norse Queen; 3. Vagabond King.
Won by six lengths; two lengths.

Time: 2:12.2.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$8.70; Places \$8.30, \$20.70, \$14.50.

Matukok Stakes
Race 8—For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 7. Six furlongs.

1. Radiator; 2. Vanguard; 3. Busy Bee; 4. Reputation.
Won by a length; half a length.

Time: 1:22.6.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$19.80; Places \$9.00, \$22.00, \$14.50.

Apichau Handicap
Race 9—For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 5. One mile.

1. Sportsmaster; 2. Jennifer; 3. Powerhouse; 4. Penforce.
Won by a neck; 2 1/2 lengths.

Time: 1:50.2.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$57.90; Places \$12.70, \$8.10, \$15.80.

Tai Hang Handicap
Race 10—(Second Section). For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 2. One and a quarter miles.

1. Sunshine; 2. V-J Day; 3. Rose Enme; 4. Cooper.
Won by 2 1/2 lengths; two lengths.

Time: 2:10.1.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$45.70; Places \$10.40, \$12.50, \$7.00.

Tai Hang Handicap
Race 11—(Second Section). For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 4. Six furlongs.

1. Ringer; 2. Lucky Jane; 3. Daylight; 4. Polar Face.
Won by 1 1/2 lengths; a neck.

Time: 1:13.3.

HAVE YOU WON?

RACE 1
1st 2423 \$2,402
2nd 3020 688
3rd 2707 343
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 1409, 1747, 2181, 1707, 535, 826, 3780, 2140, 244.

RACE 2
1st 2683 \$2,855
2nd 2805 816
3rd 1872 408
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 460, 1870, 1280, 3073, 2343, 1872, 1872.

RACE 3
1st 4337 \$2,800
2nd 3538 817
3rd 4298 408
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 3937, 25, 1041, 4052, 4375, 2134, 189.

RACE 4
1st 3290 \$3,197
2nd 1202 914
3rd 3134 457
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 2028, 3776, 970, 1256.

RACE 5
1st 4074 \$3,697
2nd 1920 1,056
3rd 3009 528
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 3027, 5125, 1293, 3903.

RACE 6
1st 454 \$3,424
2nd 870 978
3rd 1528 489
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 191, 53, 4868, 3357, 3126, 1851, 695, 2498.

RACE 7
1st 2281 \$4,309
2nd 3750 1,231
3rd 3951 616
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 191, 53, 4868, 3357, 3126, 1851, 695, 2498.

RACE 8
1st 4704 \$3,957
2nd 1011 1,121
3rd 4623 565
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 4918, 1522, 6440, 890, 2496, 6084.

RACE 9
1st 187 \$3,910
2nd 3892 1,117
3rd 1875 559
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 2857, 3738, 2828, 3350, 2004, 1200, 2437.

RACE 10
1st 2609 \$4,201
2nd 2711 1,201
3rd 2732 600
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 3127, 4585, 8399, 2848, 4054.

RACE 11
1st 128 \$4,577
2nd 4908 1,308
3rd 2850 654
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 6001, 3909.

RACE 12
1st 10086 \$7,971
2nd 2744 2,277
3rd 7731 139
Unplaced ponies (\$100) Nos. 5663, 10074, 11468, 10313, 10227, 4236, 6632, 851, 10544, 2888.

Pari-Mutuel Win \$17.00; Places \$9.10, \$11.70.
Win, 9,189, Place 2,050; Ulster Sweep, 140 (C.F. No.), 1,860, 584; Lucky Jane, 142 (W.N. Thomas), 8,970, 1,709; Pacer Pace, 140 (K.F. Chiu), 8,828, 8,841; Ringmaster, 141 (K.F. Chiu), 7,178, 2,804. Total Win 19,432, Place 10,401.

Pokfulam Stakes
Race 12—For Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 5. One mile.

1. Arabian Moon; 2. Toowoomba Boy; 3. Desert Knight; 4. Drivisto.
Won by a length; the same.

Time: 1:48.2.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$31.90; Places \$15.50, \$10.70, \$8.70.

Apichau Handicap
Race 13—For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 5. One mile.

1. Arabian Moon; 2. Toowoomba Boy; 3. Desert Knight; 4. Drivisto.
Won by a length; the same.

Time: 1:48.2.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$31.90; Places \$15.50, \$10.70, \$8.70.

Apichau Handicap
Race 14—For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 5. One mile.

1. Arabian Moon; 2. Toowoomba Boy; 3. Desert Knight; 4. Drivisto.
Won by a length; the same.

Time: 1:48.2.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$31.90; Places \$15.50, \$10.70, \$8.70.

Apichau Handicap
Race 15—For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 5. One mile.

1. Arabian Moon; 2. Toowoomba Boy; 3. Desert Knight; 4. Drivisto.
Won by a length; the same.

Time: 1:48.2.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$31.90; Places \$15.50, \$10.70, \$8.70.

Apichau Handicap
Race 16—For Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 5. One mile.

1. Arabian Moon; 2. Toowoomba Boy; 3. Desert Knight; 4. Drivisto.
Won by a length; the same.



Mr. B. L. Tao (on right) rode Skymaster to win the Sassoon Challenge Cup yesterday at the Easter Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. The owner, Mr. P. Y. Wong (on left), is proudly holding the Cup. —("Sunday Herald" Photo).

Home Football Results

Friday's Games

London, April 15.
The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION		SECOND DIVISION	
Blackpool	1	Arsenal	1
Bolton	0	Manchester U.	1
Burnley	3	Derby	1
Liverpool	0	Huddersfield	1
Manchester C.	1	Chelsea	0
Newcastle	1	Middlesbrough	0
Preston	3	Birmingham	1
Sunderland	0	Sheff. Wed.	1
		Spurs	2
		West Ham	4
		Leicester	0

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)
Aldershot 4 Norwich 1
Bournemouth 2 Notts C. 1
Brighton 0 Northampton 0
Bristol R. 0 Reading 1
Leyton 1 Swindon 1
Millwall 2 Exeter 1
Newport 2 Swansea 5
Port Vale 4 Bristol C. 2
Southend 1 Ipswich 1
Watford 2 Walsall 0

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)
Barrow 1 Mansfield 0
Barnsley 2 Southport 1
Crewe 2 New Brighton 1
Darlington 1 Stockport 0
Doncaster 0 Rotherham 0
Hull 2 Grimsby 2
Oldham 0 Gateshead 0
Tranmere 0 Wrexham 2
York 1 Rochdale 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
"A" Division
Albion Rovers 1 Clyde 2

Saturday's Results

London, April 16.
The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION		SECOND DIVISION	
Burnley	0	Manchester U.	2
Charlton	0	Villa	0
Chelsea	0	Derby	0
Everton	0	Arsenal	1
Manchester C.	1	Sunderland	1
Middlesbrough	0	Bolton	1
Newcastle	1	Wolves	0
Preston	2	Huddersfield	0
Stoke	0	Sheff. U.	1
Birmingham	1	Blackpool	1

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)
Bournemouth 1 Norwich 2
Bristol R. 4 Port Vale 1
Palace 2 Exeter 1
Ipswich 2 Millwall 1
Newport 2 Bristol C. 1
Reading 0 Brighton 1
Swansea 0 Leyton 1
Torquay 0 Aldershot 1
Walsall 0 Swindon 1
Watford 0 Northampton 1

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)
Accrington 2 Stockport 1
Barrow 1 Darlington 1
Bradford C. 3 Chester 2
Doncaster 1 Southport 2
Hull 3 Carlisle 0
Leeds 1 Plymouth 0
Mansfield 1 Hartlepool 0
Oldham 1 Rotherham 1
Tranmere 1 Gateshead 1
Wrexham 1 Rochdale 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
"A" Division
Celtic 2 Third Lanark 2
East Fife 4 Queen O.S. 0
Hibernian 5 Motherwell 1
Morton 2 Dundee 2
Rangers 1 Aberdeen 1

SYDNEY RACES

Sydney, April 16.
Bennbrook today won the 2,400 Doncaster Handicap, the first leg of the big Easter racing double, at Randwick Racecourse. The Sydney Cup event, the second leg, takes place on Monday.

Bennbrook was a popular fancy at odds of seven to two for today's race. There were 10 runners. He won by one and a half lengths from Vagabond, at six to one, with the 50 to 1 outsider Mortar another two lengths away third.—Reuter.

STURGESS WINS

Johannesburg, April 15.
Eric Sturges, of South Africa, retained the men's singles title in the South African tennis championships here today when he beat Geoff Brown, captain of the Australian touring party, 4-6, 6-4, 5-2, 7-5 in the final.—Reuter.

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RIOT OF SCORING BY SINGAPORE XI

The Singapore Army Soccer XI recorded its second successive win in Hong Kong yesterday, when it trounced a Rest of the Colony XI by eight goals to three at Sookunpoo.

This is the heaviest defeat suffered by a representative Hong Kong side for many years.

The visitors were superior in every department of the game, displaying better understanding resource and skill than the local side.

Hong Kong were badly let down by Yu Yiu-tak, their custodian, who gave a most miserable display.

Kiernan was the most prominent player on the Hong Kong side and was not only the livewire of the attack, but also one of the mainstays of a somewhat weak defence.

Singapore played well to a man and it would be difficult to single out any particular player for special praise.

Five minutes from the kick-off Singapore took the lead, when following a neat pass by Todd, Wilson netted with Yu Yiu-tak out of position.

Hong Kong retaliated strongly after this early reverse and Rafferty came near with a snap shot, but Service was in position and saved.

Kiernan came into the picture with a powerful drive from outside the penalty area, the ball just missing the upright by a matter of inches.

Penalty Goal
A long pass down the centre saw Inglis gain possession and dash towards the Hong Kong goal, but just as he was about to shoot, he was fouled by one of the Hong Kong defenders.

A penalty was awarded and Shea, who was entrusted with the spot kick, made no mistake with a hard drive which had Yu Yiu-tak beaten all the way.

Hong Kong soon reduced Singapore's lead when a neat passing movement ended with the ball going to Rafferty, who beat Service with a well placed shot to the corner of the net.

Heartened by this success, Hong Kong continued to attack and for a time the Singapore defence was subjected to a terrific bombardment.

A breakthrough by Singapore almost resulted in Inglis scoring, but he was beaten to the ball by Yu Yiu-tak, who rushed out from his charge.

Another attack on the Hong Kong goal saw Hughes clear from the goal-line, with Yu Yiu-tak again out of position.

HK Equalise
Hong Kong obtained the equaliser when a through pass by Kiernan saw Rafferty gather the ball and place it well out of the reach of Service.

This success was short-lived, however, as almost immediately Singapore were again in the lead when Hughes, during a goalmouth scramble, scored a header.

HK Boys Win Again
The Combined Hong Kong Christian Brothers' Schools Soccer XI touring the Philippines scored their fourth straight win last night when they beat San Beda College by four goals to two.

The visitors were leading by two clear goals at the interval. On resumption, San Beda levelled the scores, but before the final whistle, the Hong Kong team scored twice.

Ko Po-kung scored all four goals for Hong Kong. The schoolboys will play their last match tonight, when they meet an Inter-Collegiate Selection. They will return to Hong Kong tomorrow, leaving by PAL at 7 a.m.

BASKETBALL

Last night's Hong Kong Basketball League game at Caroline Hill.

"A" DIVISION
South China 24 Black Cats 81

"B" DIVISION
Ling Ying 25 Chung Sing 81

LADIES SECTION
C.Y. Yaca 11, Ruby 81

HK Eleven In Manila

Manila, April 16.
The Hong Kong Interport soccer team arrived by plane for three games here.

Hong Kong will play the Manila Interport team on Sunday, the Rest of Manila League and a Manila Football League selection on Wednesday.

—United Press.

INQUIRY INTO UK BETTING

London, April 16.
Three well-known names in the betting world are among the 12 members of the Royal Commission on Lotteries, betting and gaming, whose names were announced today.

They are: Herbert Sutcliffe, former Yorkshire and England opening batsman, who retired from cricket in 1945 after making more than 50,000 runs in more than 1,000 innings; Ivor Jones, a former Welsh Rugby international at present member of the Selection Committee of the Welsh Rugby Union; and Colonel A. Hunter, who was secretary of the British Olympic Association from 1925 until his retirement last year.

The terms of reference of the Commission are: "To inquire into the existing law and practice relating to lotteries, betting and gaming, with particular reference to the developments which have taken place since the report of the Royal Commission on Lotteries and Betting in 1933, and to report what changes, if any, are desirable and practicable."—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER IN EASTER HEAT WAVE

London, April 15.
Glorious weather, with heat-wave conditions in many places, attended the start of the busy Easter holiday soccer programme, and more than 900,000 spectators watched the Football League matches.

Portsmouth and Newcastle, challengers for the League championship, both won again. Portsmouth, at home to Birmingham, were a goal down at half-time, but then scored three goals in 20 minutes and preserved their unbeaten home record.

Newcastle's success, through a late goal by Milburn, sent Middlesbrough once more to the bottom of the First Division table.

Southampton, leaders of Division II with 53 points, returned to the winning path at Grimsby, but it was a last-minute penalty by Curtis which decided the issue.

Leicester, Football Association Cup finalists, suffered a heavy reverse at West Ham and are third from the bottom of the table.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, Leicester's Cup Final opponents, were at West Ham looking for the ball and place it well out of the reach of Service.

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